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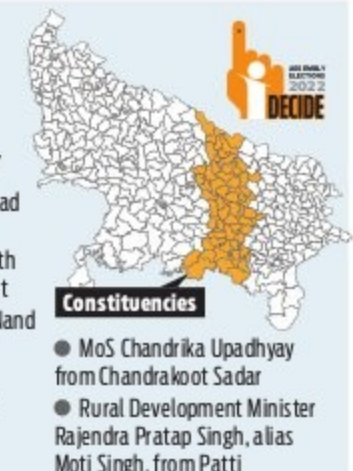
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Ukraine puts up surprising resistance; fight likely to last for days as allies rush arms and ammunition

Gritty Kyiv battles barrage

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

RUSSIAN troops continued to advance through major Ukrainian cities for the third day running on Saturday but capital Kyiv hasn't fallen yet. A defiant president Volodymyr Zelenskyy claimed his forces have 'derailed' Russia's invasion plan, adding that the real fight is still unfolding.

Russia's fight for Kyiv is likely to be protracted with Ukraine set to get emergency supplies of arms and ammunition from allies. On Saturday, the Czech Republic said it will donate machine guns, assault and sniper rifles, pistols and ammunition valued at 7.6 million euros (\$8.6 million). Czech defence minister Jana Cernochova said the consignment would comprise 30,000 pistols, 7,000 assault rifles, 3,000 machine guns, several dozen sniper guns and about a million cartridges.



Family members receive their loved ones from war-hit Ukraine at the Mumbai airport on Saturday. They were evacuated from Bucharest, Romania | P1

Kyiv continued to reel under explosions on Saturday as residents of the city braced to spend a second night in bomb shelters and underground metro stations. In a video message, Zelenskyy accused Russia of attacking infrastructure and civilian targets. Moscow maintained that it was only

hitting military targets, but bridges, schools and residential neighbourhoods have been hit ever since the invasion began on Thursday, accompanied by air and missile strikes. According to Ukraine's health minister, 198 people, including three children, have been killed and more than 1,000 others

have been wounded in the Russian assault so far.

Associated Press reported that a Russian missile struck a high-rise apartment building in the southwestern outskirts near one of Kyiv's two passenger airports, leaving a jagged hole of ravaged apartments over several floors. A rescue worker said six civilians were injured, it added.

The ongoing conflict has driven thousands of Ukrainians from their homes in search of safety. According to the UN, more than 120,000 Ukrainians have left the nation for Poland, Moldova and other neighbours. While Putin has not disclosed his ultimate plans for Ukraine or said how long the military operation could last, Western officials believe the Russian leader is determined to overthrow Ukraine's government and replace it with a regime of his own. P8,10,11

12 students from K'taka land in Mumbai

BENGALURU: The first batch of students from Karnataka who were stranded in Ukraine returned to India on Saturday night. A senior government official said 12 from Karnataka were among those who arrived in Mumbai through Romania. Another five are expected to arrive in Delhi on Sunday morning. Manoj Rajan, Commissioner, Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) who has been appointed nodal officer to facilitate the safe return of stranded people and students from Karnataka in Ukraine to their respective places, said that arrangements are being made to help the students who have landed in Mumbai to take the earliest available flight to Bengaluru. From Bengaluru, they will head to their hometowns. P4

AUTOMATIC ROUTE

Cabinet approves 20% FDI in LIC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Cabinet on Saturday approved 20% foreign direct investment (FDI) in Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) under the direct route. Though the government did not make a formal announcement, sources confirmed the news to this newspaper.

While FDI is permitted in the insurance sector, the FDI policy lists only 'insurance companies' and 'intermediaries and insurance intermediaries'. LIC, which is a statutory corporation, does not come under either of these categories. Further, no limit has been prescribed for foreign investment in LIC under the LIC Act, the Insurance Act, 1938, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999 or regulations made under the respective Acts.

The cabinet's approval to amendment in FDI rules in LIC ironed out these ambiguities. The Centre has given a go-ahead to divest 5% stake in LIC through listing of the insurer's share on stock exchanges, which will likely happen in March. The amendment would allow foreign investors to participate in the LIC's share sale offer, likely to be the biggest in India.

Sources in the government said that since the FDI limit for public sector banks is 20% on government approval route, it has been decided to allow foreign investment up to 20% for LIC and other such bodies corporate. The 20% FDI limit has been kept on the automatic route to help the insurers expedite the capital raising process.

Meanwhile, a finance ministry source told this paper that the government is on a wait-and-watch mode on the timing of the listing. He said the market conditions are not ideal for the listing of LIC.

Equity markets across the globe, including in India, are going through a phase of volatility owing to the ongoing tension between Russia and Ukraine. Unless there is a peace deal, which seems slim at the moment, the markets will remain volatile.



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CJI rues lack of basic judicial infrastructure

New Delhi: Chief Justice of India N V Ramana has rued the lack of 'basic minimum standards' of judicial infrastructure and stressed the need of not only filling vacancies, but also raising the number of judges in HC to deal with IP cases. P10

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Zelenskyy dials Modi, seeks political support in UNSC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

HOURS after India abstained from voting on a US-sponsored United Nations Security Council resolution deploring Russia's "aggression" against Ukraine, the beleaguered nation's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Saturday spoke with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and sought India's political support at the UNSC to stop Russia's military offensive.

The external affairs ministry said the PM expressed his deep anguish about the loss of life and property. He reiterated his call for a return to dialogue and expressed India's willingness to contribute towards peace efforts. "(The) Prime Minister also conveyed India's concern for the

safety and security of Indian citizens in Ukraine. He sought facilitation by Ukrainian authorities to safely evacuate them," the MEA said. Earlier at the UN Security Council, India called for the immediate cessation of violence and hostilities and asserted that dialogue was the "only answer" to settling disputes.

Interestingly, India and China

were on the same page. "The issue of Ukraine is not something that emerged today, nor did the current situation occur suddenly overnight... We call on all parties to immediately come back to the track of diplomatic negotiations and political settlement," said Ambassador Zhang Jun in his explanation of vote (EOV).

The UAE also expressed the same sentiments in its EO.



War may take sheen off Karnataka's granite biz

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

AS Russian missiles and explosives are pounding the capital city of Kyiv and other parts of Ukraine over the last couple of days, the granite industry in Karnataka is feeling the heat.

Members of the industry, which has just been recovering from the effects of Covid, fear that if the war situation worsens, it could impact the delivery of export orders as it would be difficult to even get containers. Chamarajanagar district alone has over 60

black granite quarries and 12 polishing and cutting industries, which exported stones worth Rs 1,072 crore between September 2020 and March 2021. But with the pandemic, nearly 60 per cent of the production had been hit.

The Chamarajanagar

black granite is known for its uniqueness, evenness and shine. It is much sought after in the US, Europe, Russia and Ukraine, where it is used as tombstones by Christian, Jewish and other communities.

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Bajrang Dal activist held for murder of Dalit man

ENS @ Mangaluru

JUST days after the murder of a Bajrang Dal activist, Harsha, in Shivamogga, the Dharwad police on Saturday arrested a Bajrang Dal activist in connection with the murder of a Dalit man from Kanyadi village of Belthangady taluk.

"During a tiff on February 23, the accused, Krishna alias Kittu, assaulted Dinesh (41), pushed him to the ground and kicked him. Dinesh sustained injuries in the stomach and died at District Wenlock Hospital," said Dakshina Kannada SP Rishikesh Sonawane. Dinesh's mother, who is the complainant, said, "Krishna was angry after Dinesh told him that it was Congress leader and former MLA K Vasanth Bangera who helped Krishna's wife get a piece of land. Krishna was with Dinesh when he was taken to the hospital. But he disappeared after coming to know that Dinesh may not survive." P5

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G SUBASH CHANDRA @Chitradurga

CATTLE form an integral, sacred bond with the Indian farmer. Apart from their role in tilling the soil, bovines also provide milk as a source of both sustenance and income. Considering that dairy farming constitutes an important aspect of the country's agro-oriented economy, a lot of time and energy goes into milking cows and buffaloes, which is a tedious task, especially when done manually. Farmers often spend hours every day, early in the morning and late in the evening, to draw milk, which they hand over to cooperatives or supply at doorsteps.

To make milking of cows and buffaloes a quicker, hassle-free, and cost-effective process, several farmers in Chitradurga district have adopted solar-powered milking machines. Thanks to abundant sunlight in these parts, these sustainable technological wonders have not only eased the milking process, but also reduced the time to milk each animal. Unlike 30 minutes usually needed to milk one cow, apart from the excess labour required, a machine like this with its two milk-drawing points draws milk in 8-12 minutes, and can be operated by a single person. With this machine, milk can be drawn from as many as 20-30 cows within an hour.

The solar-powered milking machine was introduced by 'SELCO', a pioneer in spreading awareness about solar energy. The machine runs on a DC motor, making it financially viable for the farmer and comfortable for the animal.

Sharing his experience of using this innovation, Devaraj - a dairy farmer from Hariyabbe village of Hiriyur taluk - says, "Solar-powered milking machines have helped us get a good milk yield. We have also been able to sail over erratic power supply, thanks to solar energy, while the cattle's health is also maintained."

He continues, "I needed about four labourers each day for milking, cleaning, supplying fodder, and so on. Now with this machine, all these tasks are accomplished by just me and my brother."

Shivakumar, who once worked as a college lecturer, was relieved from service amid the pandemic. He took to dairy farming, and every day, has been drawing about 180 litres of milk using the solar-powered milking machine, which has revived his fortunes.

"We are monitoring the functioning of these machines. If the feedback is positive, we will try to replicate these in other dairy farms across the country," Manjunath Bhagwath, Project Manager at SELCO, says.

India is the world's largest milk producer, where 80 per cent of milk is produced by small and marginal farmers. Also, dairy farming provides secondary income to 80-90 million farmers in the country, and is also a good source of manure. But the quality of milk yield in India is inferior compared to



SUNNY SIDE TO THAT GLASS OF MILK

Solar-powered milking machines have enabled farmers in Karnataka derive high dairy yield, while keeping their cattle comfortable. And, to top it, the entire process is sustainable

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— Manjunath Bhagwath, Project Manager at SELCO

other dairy-producing countries, in large part due to a lack of skilled workforce and investment in technology.

As farmers often rely on electricity, which can be erratic, solar power is being promoted as a reliable replacement for the future, which will also help power the machines, resulting in good yield and improved livelihoods. With farmers being involved in varied agricultural activities, it is important that milking of cattle be carried out with minimal effort, for which these solar-powered milking machines are essential. Apart from speeding up milking process, these machines also provide back-up during power cuts, which spares them time for other productive activities, says Bhagwath.

Also, the solar-powered milking machine is reasonably priced. In fact, the cost of solar

panels, two lights and the milking machines costs Rs 70,000, and a farmer can milk up to 20 cows. Banks and self-help groups provide suitable financial aid to procure these machines, he adds.

In all, 331 solar-powered milking machines have been distributed to farmers by SELCO, not only in Karnataka, but also in Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Bihar. The aim is to promote the usage of devices driven by non-conventional and renewable sources of energy to intervene in agricultural and allied activities. The demand for these devices is picking up significantly, since the animals are also not harmed by their use, unlike from conventional electric-operated milking machines.

The adoption of this innovation has assured good health - of the milk, the animal, and us.

WIDER REACH

Presently, the solar-powered milking machines are being used in several states, including Karnataka. There are 37 such machines in use in Belthangady and Mandya, followed by Kundapura (35), Hassan (25), and Chitradurga (15). This device is also in use at far-off Munger (Bihar), Tirupati, Madurai, Anantapur, Sholapur and Erode, outside Karnataka.

A solar-powered milking machine, which is used to draw milk from cows in an efficient manner (top), has come as a boon to farmers like Shivakumar (below), who took to dairy farming after losing his job as a lecturer amid the Covid-19 pandemic | EXPRESS



Bengaluru has best gated communities, shows survey

Residents find their communities cleaner, safer for pets and elders

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THE MyGate Liveability Index for 2021 has listed Bengaluru as one of the best emerging cities with the best gated community living.

Bengaluru topped in six of the 10 parameters, as per the rating of the societies by residents. Ahmedabad and Pune topped in two parameters each.

The MyGate Liveability Index was based on inputs from residents of the 25,000 gated communities that use the app. The index was calculated on 10 parameters: bachelor-friendliness, community safety, family friendliness, ease of commute, pet friendliness, cleanliness, kid friendliness, quality of amenities, eventfulness within the society and elder friendliness. The cities of Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi-NCR, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Pune are part of the index.



Bengaluru's residents find their gated communities safer and cleaner. Relative to other cities, the societies are friendlier toward bachelors, pets, children and the elderly. The city has a perfect score of 10 out of 10. No city came close when it came to bachelor friendliness and pet friendliness, with Kolkata (7.88) and Delhi-NCR (7.56) coming second. On bachelor friendliness,

Ahmedabad came last with a score of 5.08, and Chennai scored a meagre 4.77 on pet friendliness.

Pune finished on top in just two categories (family friendliness and ease of commute). Ahmedabad topped in two categories (quality of amenities and eventfulness).

Explaining the results, Abhishek Kumar, COO and co-founder, MyGate, said that residents of gated communities are looking for a better lifestyle for the entire family, not just accommodation.

"It is interesting to see how gated communities in different cities are delivering on this expectation and where residents perceive room for improvement. We hope these insights provide administrators with a direction to improve gated community living," he said.

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'Stakeholders not consulted on regulator'

ENS @Bengaluru

The Karnataka Private School Managements, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staffs Co-ordination Committee (KPMTCC) along with many national organisations launched a two-day symposium, titled the 'Regulatory Architecture of School Education Governance as recommended by the NEP 2020' over the status of the formation of a State Standard School Authority (SSSA) in Karnataka. The symposium was inaugurated by Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti.

The organisations are concerned over the implementation of the SSSA in states, with chapter eight of NEP mandating a neutral regulatory body to prevent a conflict of interest. However, several states have chosen to repurpose existing departments into regulatory authority.

They stated that there has been no deliberation with stakeholders regarding SSSA, with the state government having refuted its purpose due to the existing KSQAAC.

Schools must encourage recreational activities: Veep

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Stressing that quality and equitable education is a right guaranteed to every child in India, Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu said that every school must strive to give equal importance to studies as well as recreational and co-curricular activities.

Naidu was speaking at the inauguration of the state-of-the-art Indoor Sports Arena and Latelier at Greenwood High International School, Bengaluru. Karnataka Governor Thawarchand Gehlot was present on the occasion.

"A healthy body is essential for a healthy mind. Thus, sports and co-curricular education play an indispensable part in the growth and moulding of young minds," he said.

Schools need to help students to get back to the roots of Indian cultural, and engage them in activities like gardening and water conservation, he said, adding that the National Education Policy 2020, which is to be implemented in schools in the coming academic year, has em-



Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurates the Sports and Arts Complex at Greenwood High International School, in Bengaluru on Saturday

phasis on extra-curricular activities in schools, which must be encouraged.

Gehlot lauded the school for its efforts in encouraging extra-curricular activities. "Our country has made great strides in the field of education, and I am glad to know that Greenwood High International School's contribution is commendable. Special attention should be given to all-round development of the students in sports, arts, dance and music apart from imparting quality education," he said.

EXPRESS READ Christ University V-C becomes Hon. Colonel

Bengaluru: Dr Fr Abraham Vettiyankal Mani, Vice-Chancellor of Christ University, Bangalore, has been conferred the honorary rank of Colonel Commandant in the NCC by the Ministry of Defence. The pipping was done by Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh, DG of NCC on Friday at the Parachute Regiment Training Centre, Bengaluru. The recognition is based on the contributions of the University to NCC with its NCC cadets joining armed and paramilitary forces in large numbers.

Hopcoms organises Grape Mela

As part of the summer season and upcoming Shivaratri celebrations, Hopcoms is organising a grape mela in all its retail outlets, where fruits will be sold at 10-15 per cent discount. The mela, held for the third year in a row, will not take place in Lalbagh due to the pandemic. The special sales are on till March 2, 2021, said an official from Hopcoms. All varieties of grapes - seed and seedless, export and domestic varieties will be available on the counters for sale.



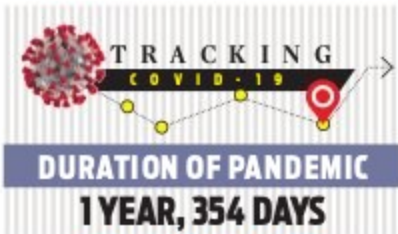
I will continue to take part in sporting events and try to win gold medals. There is no full-stop for me

— Bhavani Jogi

trayed the character of 'Anus'alva' in 'Babruvahana Vijaya' prasanga. "Though the crown worn by the character was heavy, it did not deter me and many artistes appreciated my performance," she says. She has also performed at 'Karavali Utsav' in Mangaluru.

She is also a swimmer and has won medals at the national level. She learnt swimming when she was 40 along with her daughter, who was in Class 7 then. Just four months after learning how to swim, she got selected to a national tournament and won 3 gold medals in the above 40 year category. She was also a swimming coach at the Mangala





TALLY

Today: **39,40,429**
Yesterday: **39,39,915**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: 19 Yesterday: 15	Today: 1,073 Yesterday: 1,349

ACTIVE CASES

Today: **6,940**
Yesterday: **7,518**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: 6.11% Yesterday: 6.12%	Today: 1.01% Yesterday: 1.01%

RECOVERY RATE

Today: **98.80%**
Yesterday: **98.79%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	345
Bengaluru Rural	2
Bagalkot	0
Ballari	9
Belagavi	20
Bidar	1
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Chikkaballapur	2
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Shivamogga	10
Tumakuru	8
Udupi	4
Uttara Kannada	11
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	0

Questions over state's claims on vax coverage

Some have got official confirmation of jabs without taking them

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@ Bengaluru

CONTRARY to Health Minister K Sudhakar's claims of 100 per cent coverage for the first Covid-19 vaccine dose and 93 per cent for the second in Karnataka, there are many people who have still not taken a single dose of the vaccine.

There are also instances of people receiving SMS confirmation of having taken the vaccine when they have not. Take for instance Pradeep Raj from Bengaluru, whose mother Saraswathi Balakrishnan passed away on October 16 last year due to septic shock. She had taken the first dose of the vaccine in July last year. But much to his shock, his mother's registered mobile phone received a message on February 19, four months after she passed away, stating, "Congratulations! You have successfully completed the schedule of all doses of Covid-19 vaccine. You can download your certificate-CoWIN."

"When we checked on the CoWIN portal, it stated that she had received two doses of Covishield. We do not know how this happened. The certificate



also said she was vaccinated by Puspha M at KG Halli Urban Primary Health Centre, BBMP," Pradeep said, adding that her Aadhaar details had been linked to the vaccine certificate.

On the other hand, there are individuals, such as Sandeep Anirudhan, who have voluntarily chosen not to go for vaccination. He believes that a vaccine is not needed to protect oneself from a health issue, when one can rely on good health and natural immunity.

"No one understands health science. They want a quick fix provided by pharmaceutical companies that manufacture vaccines. Viruses spread among the population and people develop herd immunity naturally. Moreover, vac-

cines usually go through 10 years of testing before being certified as safe. Here, it was rolled out in a hurry," Sandeep said.

Commenting on the vaccine coverage, Health Commissioner Randeep D said the target numbers given are for the projected population. The numbers were based on the 2011 Census and the state has estimated a certain projected population based on this. "There is also a floating population, especially in cities like Bengaluru. Also, there may be cases where the first dose is given and the mobile number registered is changed before the second dose. There will be exceptions, but our projected target population has been immunised," Randeep stated.

In case of families who are getting messages saying vaccination was done after the death of the person, Randeep said one possible reason could be that the registered mobile number may include other family members and, if one of them has taken the jab, then the message may have gone to that particular mobile number. However, there may be some mischief also, which needs to be checked, he added.

W.H.O SEEKS BETTER SAFETY NORMS FOR HEALTH WORKERS

CHETANA BELAGERE
@ Bengaluru

THE International Labour Organisation (ILO) and World Health Organisation (WHO) have asked countries to formulate a new set of safety guidelines for health workers suffering from the impact of Covid pandemic. Recently, WHO released guidelines which countries can adapt. It noted that health workers suffered from infections, musculoskeletal disorders and injuries, workplace violence and harassment, burnout, and allergies from poor work environments.

Dr Vishal Rao, Dean, Head and Neck Surgeon, Department of Oncology, HCG Hospitals, and member of the Covid-19 task force, said that of the five categories of health workers -- doctors, nurses, technicians, administrators and housekeeping staff -- doctors and nurses are the worst hit. "Nurses who had to be at the frontline bore the maximum brunt. The highest stress, infection, job cuts and financial stress happened in this category," he explained.

Doctors said Covid exposed the systemic lack of safeguards for health workers. Nurses said many of them fell sick and had

to quarantine themselves. The absence of staff and exhaustion exacerbated the pre-existing shortage of health workers and also stretched health systems, which struggled to respond to the increased demand for healthcare. Dr Rao stressed that this is the time to re-understand and check on three financial models of treatment. "Out of pocket model, insurance model and scheme model (basically government or employment schemes). The government should look at the financial and psychological burden we have been through."

Nirmala SN, a nurse at Covid-designated hospital, said, "None of us knew who to contact if we fell sick. The role of the government, employer, worker and the hospital should be clearly chalked out." Doctors agreed that there is inequality within the system. Dr Rao said it is important to understand the economic and psychological impact on health workers, and to reassure and motivate them. "If the impact of the third wave was harder, the healthcare system would have collapsed because of staff burnout. It is necessary that every single PHC and hospital has its own department of psychologists," he added.

CRIME PATROL

Daily-wage worker kills mother for refusing him money

BENGALURU: A 37-year-old daily-wage worker allegedly murdered his mother, after she refused to give him money to buy liquor. The incident took place in Marathahalli on Friday night. The deceased has been identified as Yamunamma (71), a resident of Devarabisanahalli. The police arrested the accused, Ambarish. A senior police officer said that Ambarish was an alcohol addict, who used to harass his mother for money. On Friday night at around 8.30 pm, he asked his mother for money. When she refused, he fought with her and banged her head against the wall. She died of severe head injuries. Soon after the incident came to light, the police nabbed Ambarish.

Auto driver murders wife suspecting her fidelity, surrenders

BENGALURU: An auto driver murdered his 31-year-old wife and surrendered before the Govindapura police. The incident took place at 1.30 am on Friday. The deceased has been identified as Ayesha Banu. The accused, Muzamil Pasha (35), reportedly dropped his three children off at his sister's house, requesting her to look after them before reaching the police station. An officer said that the couple had married 10 years ago. Pasha was under severe depression over his wife's alleged ill-treatment. The matter was brought to the notice of the family, which, however, went in vain. The couple frequently fought. Unable to bear his wife's behaviour, he took a machete and allegedly attacked her when she was asleep. During interrogation, Pasha alleged that his wife had an affair, which provoked him to kill her.

State reports 514 fresh cases, 19 deaths

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KARNATAKA on Sunday reported 19 deaths taking the total death tally since the beginning of the pandemic to 39,919. The day also saw 514 fresh Covid-19 cases pushing the total caseload to 39,40,429.

In its daily bulletin, the

health department stated that the active caseload in Karnataka stood at 6,940.

Bengaluru Urban district reported 345 infections and 13 deaths. Other districts too saw fresh cases, including Belagavi (20), Mysuru (18), Kodagu (16), Dharwad and Gadag (14), Uttara Kannada (11) and Shivamogga (10).

There were zero fatalities in 27 districts.

As many as 61, 040 tests were conducted, including 46,325 RT-PCR tests, taking the total tests so far to 6.44 crore.

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SHORT TERM NOTIFICATION
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The tender can be submitted on or before 07.03.2022 till 5.00 p.m. The technical bid will be opened on 09.03.2022 at 11.00 am and the financial bid will be opened on 11.03.2022 at 11.00 a.m. Department reserves all rights to accept, reject, incorporate changes and retender without giving any reasons. The details can be obtained from the Department for the Empowerment of Differently Aabled and Senior Citizens, Podium Block, V. V. Tower, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru-560001, Phone No:080-22866066, 22866097. For more info please see department website www.dwdsc.kar.nic.in

Sd/- Director,
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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

Farhatabad Limestone Mine of M/s. Shree Cement Limited have proposed Limestone production capacity of 6.0 Million TPA, Overburden - 1.21 Million TPA, Top Soil - 0.14 Million TPA (Total Excavation: 7.35 Million TPA) and installation of 2 x 1,200 TPH proposed crusher along with wobbler in a total area of 1,445.83 Ha at Balwad, Tilgul, Kirangi and B. Saradgi Villages, Kalaburagi Taluk and District. The project has to obtain Environmental Clearance from MoEF, Government of India, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009), and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the MoEF, Government of India, Terms of Reference letter (ToR) F. No.J11015/6/2021-IA.II(M) dated: 05.03.2021 and request of the project proponent dated 20.09.2021, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board. The Environmental Public Hearing was earlier scheduled on 03.02.2022 and the same was postponed in the newspapers (Kannada: Vijayavaani & English: The New Indian Express) on 01.01.2022. It was postponed as per the instructions of Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District and the Environmental Public Hearing is re-scheduled on 01.04.2022 (Friday).

The details of the project are as follows:

- Name of the Company & Address: M/s. Shree Cement Limited P. O. No. 01, Kodla and Benakanahalli Village, Sedam Taluk, Kalaburagi District - 585 222.
- Proposed Location of Mine: Balwad, Tilgul, Kirangi and B. Saradgi Villages, Kalaburagi Taluk and District
- Details of proposed activity: Proposed Limestone production capacity of 6.0 Million TPA, Overburden - 1.21 Million TPA, Top Soil - 0.14 Million TPA (Total Excavation: 7.35 Million TPA) and installation of 2 x 1,200 TPH proposed crusher along with wobbler.
- Pollution control measures: Domestic wastewater generated from mine office is being/ will be disposed off in soak pit via septic tanks. No mining operations will be carried out within 50m of public works such as public roads and buildings or inhabited sites. Garland drains will be provided all around the waste dump to prevent flow of surface rainwater/runoff. Rainwater accumulated in bottom most bench of pit will be utilized in dust suppression, plantation etc. Regular water sprinkling on mine haul roads and permanent water sprinklers over main haul road will be carried. Safety barrier of 50m will be left along both side of the nallah and same will be covered by plantation. Overloading will be avoided while transportation of mineral. Development of greenbelt/ plantation around mine boundary and other places are will be carried out to control air pollution.

Date, time and venue of public hearing: 01.04.2022 (Friday) at 10:30 AM at the project site, Sy. No. 110, Saradagi B. Village, adjacent Kalaburagi-Jewargi Highway, towards Balwad Village Road, Farhatabad Taluk, Kalaburagi District.

Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are: (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District, Kalaburagi (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Kalaburagi (c) District Industries Centre, Kalaburagi (d) Taluk Panchayat, Kalaburagi (e) Village Panchayat Office, Kirangi and B. Saradgi (f) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Kalaburagi (g) Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate change, South Zonal Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560 034 (h) HELP DESK, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Kalaburagi District, Kalaburagi). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.

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SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'SOCIETY IS LIKE HUMAN BODY, SHOULD FUNCTION IN HARMONY'

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

RIOTING and arson ensued during the funeral procession of slain Bajrang Dal activist Harsha in Shivamogga, despite prohibitory orders. Retired DG&IGP Ajai Kumar Singh says, "Such violence creates an impression about a place and the state, which can be very negative. Whosoever is responsible should be dealt with as per law." Excerpts:

During the funeral procession arson and stone throwing was reported even when prohibitory orders under Sec 144 of CrPC were in force. How do you think it could be avoided? If prohibitory orders are in place, no one should organise processions which can result in violence. If it had not resulted in rioting, things would have been different. But there was violence. Legally, the culpability of a person does not change with their position. An ordinary citizen or someone in power are the same before the law. Action must follow as per rules and the law must take its course. I am saying this keeping the situation in mind, and not against



any particular person.

In an open letter, you had called for action against those who led the procession in Shivamogga. Can you elaborate what action can be taken?

I have used the words 'organised' and 'led'. The legal culpability will be the same for anyone who organises or leads. If there is a violation of prohibitory orders under Section 144, then there are penal provisions. If there is violence, rioting or arson, there

are provisions to deal with that too. The police force and the local administration is trained to invoke the relevant sections and I need not go into this.

You have asked the Chief Minister and Home Minister to facilitate legal action against the perpetrators. Could they have responded quickly and stopped it at the start?

With all due respect, I feel that the law must apply equally to everyone and it should take its course. It is very important for societies like ours. Why I mentioned the CM and Home Minister in the letter is because they are the top authorities in the state and must create a conducive atmosphere where field level officers feel confident of taking action as per law against anybody. If someone breaks law, the field level officers must feel confident that they can take action. No field level officer should feel victimised. All people have equal protection of the law and ensuring this is the responsibility of the CM and HM.

Can you elaborate what it means to take away transfer and posting powers?

The powers of transfer and posting have been largely taken away from the police top brass. When you say an SP or DC is responsible for the upkeep of law and order, and they have no say in transfers and postings, then it is a difficult situation. Responsibility, authority and accountability go together. I have heard that under the new policy, sub-inspectors get only one year postings. It takes about six months to understand local issues, and if an officer is moved out in one year, there is a need to review the policy.

It is said that the scars of communal violence take the longest time to heal.

I would say yes. During my time as Shivamogga SP, I had been with former chief minister J H Patel to a village near Channagiri where a communal clash had taken place. I could see how both sides were in pain, struggling to reconcile with the event and overcome the scars of the past. Communal clashes may give some a high, but it tears up society which, like the human body, has to function in harmony. A fire is not easy to douse when it has been allowed to spread widely.

Fertile ground of many movements, Shivamogga hotbed of communalism

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

BE it freedom, farmer, Dalit or socialist movements, Shivamogga, the Gateway of Malnad region, has always been at the forefront. But not many know that the district also has a track record of extreme communal polarisation which dates back to the pre-Independence era.

From the 12th century social reformer Akka Mahadevi to socialist Shantaveri Gopal Gowda and poet Kuvempu, the district has given birth to several great, secular personalities. Esuru in Shikaripura taluk was the first village in the country to declare independence from the British in 1942 after Mahatma Gandhi gave a call for Quit India movement.

In 1951, Kagodu village in Sagara taluk saw an uprising by landless agriculture labourers of backward communities led by freedom fighter Ganapathiyappa and the movement is known as Kagodu Satyagraha. The movement led to land reforms in the state two decades later.

While the district became a central point of farmers' struggle, Dalit activism spread across the state from the district in 1980s. At a time when the country was fighting for Independence, efforts were on in the city to unite Hindus and inculcate a feeling of nationalism among them. VD Savarkar and Nathuram Godse visited the city and addressed Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha convention in 1944.

Ganesha Utsavs were used as a means to unite Hindus. A leader of Hindu Sanghatana Mahamandali said Ganesha Chaturthi celebration in the city also contributed to the freedom struggle as it attracted more youth. "On October 26, 1947,

when a Ganesha idol was being taken out in a procession, clashes broke out as some miscreants opposed playing of mangala vadya around a mosque. The clashes led to the murder of a youth," said Dattatraya, treasurer of Mahamandali.

Violence struck in 1983 during Hindu Samajotsava, when some miscreants attacked a man. The next time the city witnessed communal clashes was in 1995. A man was killed due to an old rivalry after the Ganesh idol procession.

On January 9, 2004, a man was murdered as a revenge for a clash during the Ganesh idol procession. In 2010, two people were killed, one in police firing, after a Kannada daily published a Tasleema Nasreen's article on the practice of purdah by Muslim women, prompting protests by Muslims.

Violence broke out again after five years in 2015 when the Popular Front of India took out a rally to mark the birth of a founder. At Gajanur, three people riding a bike were attacked, while one died. Again five years later, the city was tense for a week after a man was attacked and injured due to an old rivalry. On February 20 this year, Bajrang Dal activist Harsha was murdered.

Former English professor at Kuvempu University Rajendra Chennai said the city was known as a major centre for communalism, not communal clashes, prior to Independence. "Hindu Mahasabha has been growing in the city since then. It can be noted that clashes break out over trivial issues. Communal organisations from both sides glorify such incidents, mix religion and politicise it. This time, however, people seem to be more polarised," he added.



Congress to resume Makedatu march today

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THE state Congress unit will resume its padayatra from Ramanagara on Sunday to demand implementation of the Makedatu balancing reservoir project. The five-day padayatra will conclude in Bengaluru on Thursday. This is the second leg of the padayatra as the one in January had to be ended abruptly owing to the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Meanwhile, hitting out at the Congress, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai termed the foot march as 'padayatra for politics'. "The Congress is calling it Padayatra-1 and Padayatra-2. Only politics is important for them. The Congress derailed the legislature session for politics and they are continuing it outside too," Bommai thundered.

To a question if prohibitory orders will be imposed in Bengaluru as part of Covid-19 measures when the padayatra enters the city, Bommai said there are minimal Covid-19 restrictions and everyone should follow them.

Meanwhile, KPCC president DK Shivakumar said several senior Congress leaders, including AICC General Secretary in charge of Karnataka, Randeep Singh Surjewala, will take part in the padayatra at Ramanagara.

CRISIS IN UKRAINE

Bengaluru girl delighted to be back in India

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

"THERE is no feeling that is comparable to landing in India. Though I was in a safe place, it still feels nice to know that I am not far from my hometown," said Pooja Yadav, a resident of Bengaluru and one of the 12 students from Karnataka to return from Ukraine on Saturday.

Of the 12 students from the state who landed in Mumbai, nine are from Bengaluru and two from Davanagere.

"We are all at the Mumbai airport and we are safe. Ministry of External Affairs officials had made arrangements for our food at the airport. We were told that depending on the availability of seats, we will be returning to Bengaluru and other cities," she said.

Being the first batch of students to be back, Pooja said she did not stay in makeshift spaces or bunkers like others. "We were in Chernivtsi, where the situation was not so bad when we left. We could hear the sirens, but there was no bombing or firing. Our priority was to leave the area as early as possible," said the 19-year-old, first-year MBBS student.

She said that it took them six hours by road to reach the airport in Romania and four more hours for documentation check at the airport before boarding the flight.

"We kept looking at the clock till we boarded the Air India flight to India. Though we are all completely exhausted without sleep, we are excited to be back home. Our parents have been calling us continuously and asking us about our well-being," she said with happiness.

Asked what she would do next about her studies and going back, she said she has not decided yet.

Back home after living through nightmare

6 SUBASH CHANDRA @ Davanagere

AFTER several nerve-racking moments, there was big smiles on the faces of a bunch of medical students from Karnataka as they landed at the Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai on Saturday night from war-torn Ukraine.

Among the first batch of 219 Indians to return, 12 are students from Karnataka. They were taken by bus on Friday afternoon from Chernivtsi, Ukraine, to the Romanian border where they first heaved a sigh of relief. Speaking to TNSE, second-year student at the Bukovinian State Medical University, Mohammed Abid Ali, said, "Even though the bus carrying us reached the Romanian border within 35 minutes, the big traffic jam and the huge crowd of refugees forced us to wait for nearly 12-13 hours to cross the border.



The first batch of students from Karnataka, who were stranded in Ukraine, at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport in Mumbai on Saturday | SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Timely support from the Indian embassy and the Union Government helped us reach India safely."

"Once we completed the immigration process, it took eight hours to reach Henri Coand International Airport, Bucharest,

from where we boarded the flight to Mumbai. As there was uncertainty over our return, we have stocked food to last a month. But we had to leave everything behind. I'm relieved to reach my

motherland," he added.

"When our bus started moving towards the Bucharest airport, it was accompanied by a police convoy from both Ukraine and Romania and the vehicles had the Tricolour." He also said that the Indian embassy had arranged for dinner and refreshments all through the journey. "Some of the embassy staff even boosted our confidence," he added.

Abid Ali took the lead to gather other students from Karnataka. He said they will be reaching Bengaluru by a connecting flight and added that some of his friends are reaching New Delhi on Sunday morning by another flight.

Other students including Pooja, Vijaya, Shreya, Sayeda Habeeba, Inchara, Monica, Nabeeha Huda, Tushar, Uday, Priya and Monica were with him and were about to board a flight to Bengaluru.

Modi's talks with Putin yielding results: Bommai

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MOHAMMED Abid Ali from Davanagere, who was in the first batch of evacuees from Chernivtsi in Ukraine, said 12 students, including him, reached Mumbai on Saturday night.

Earlier in the day, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said diplomatic efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi have succeeded. "The PM's talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin are showing results. All Indians and Kannadigas will be brought home safely," he added.

He said External Affairs Minister Jaishankar has spoken to neighbouring countries of Ukraine and deputed representatives who can speak Russian to facilitate the smooth passage of Indians through these countries. There is a scope to bring these stranded Indians by road through the western region of Ukraine. The process has already started, he added.

The government is assisting students from Karnataka who are arriving from Ukraine and is



making arrangements to reach them home in different parts of the state. The principal resident commissioner in New Delhi has been instructed to make arrangements for food and accommodation of these students. "After I spoke to Jaishankar, we sent the list of our students to him. Many students are arriving through Romania. Their details are being collected," he said. Most of the students are in the Kharkiv region of Ukraine. They have been instructed to remain in safe places and avoid unnecessary movement. "Modi requested Putin for the safe passage for flights to bring our students back home and Putin agreed. All measures will be taken to bring them back over the next few days," he added.

Bommai spoke to some of the

STUDENTS FROM GADAG SAFE, PARENTS HAPPY

GADAG: Parents of three students from Gadag, who are pursuing their higher studies in Ukraine, finally heaved a sigh of relief on Saturday after they were informed that their sons were safe in Romania. While Mahaganapati Bilimaggad has boarded the flight to India from Romania, two other students— Akash Policepatil and Arun Umachagi—are expected to depart later and reach India by Monday. Mahaganapati's father Kashinath said he tried to call his son at 1 pm on Saturday. "His phone was not reachable. I sent him several text messages. Finally, he replied saying he was safe. He told me that there was a heavy rush along the border with Romania as many Ukrainians were also fleeing their country," he added. Kashinath said his son informed him that the Romanian authorities were thoroughly checking the passport and other documents of those coming from Ukraine. "My son told me that Indian students need to wait for 5-6 hours in their buses after reaching the border. I will be going to Bengaluru to receive my son," he added. Puttaraj Hiremath, friend of another stranded student Arun, said he got a call from the latter on Saturday. "Arun and others are expected to reach Romania by Saturday evening. They are happy that they have left Ukraine safely," Puttaraj added.

— RAGHOTAM KOPPAR

students from Karnataka stranded in Ukraine and assured them of all help. "They don't have proper shelter or food. Most of them are taking shelter in underground Metro," he said. KSD-MA stated that 387 people from

the state are stranded in Ukraine. The Chief Minister's Office, Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar and nodal officers are personally pursuing stranded cases with the MEA and Indian Embassy in Kyiv, it added.

BOMMAI ASKED TO SLASH GST, INPUT TAX ON RAW MATERIALS

BENGALURU: Ahead of the budget on March 4, members of various industrial associations met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday, and urged him to reduce GST and input tax on raw materials like steel, plastic and aluminum. Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) said the budget should extend soft loans to MSMEs and support industrial estates. The KASSIA has sought soft loans from KSFC at 4% interest to both MSMEs as well as startups. They have also urged the state government to allocate Rs 1,000 crore to meet the subsidy gap towards the loans sanctioned by KSFC. Till economy recovers, the electricity tax should be restored to 6 percent from 9 percent, and any hike in tariffs should be deferred, they said. KASSIA administrator Sridhar also urged the CM to provide additional grant of Rs 5 crore to complete its flagship infrastructure for the KASSIA Centre of Excellence & Innovation (KCoEI) coming up at Dabaspeta. ENS

CONSORTIUM WANTS WOMEN-CENTRIC INDUSTRIAL POLICY

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A pan-India consortium of women entrepreneurs, UBUNTU, has submitted a set of suggestions to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to include in this year's state budget to promote women entrepreneurship in Karnataka. This will be Bommai's first budget as chief minister that will be presented on March 4.

Former Chief Secretary K Ratna Prabha, who is UBUNTU president, requested the chief minister to include the consortium while framing the budget to create a woman-centric industrial policy.

She said the recently launched Industrial Policy 2020-25 does not have any prominence and scope for development of women entrepreneurship. She requested for the restoration of schemes related to women entrepreneurs mentioned in the 2014-19 Industrial Policy.

"The allocation of Rs 5 crore for the ELEVATE programme for women entrepreneurship proposed in the previous budget was not implemented and needs a new avatar anchored by the Department of Industries and Commerce

both for initiation and reach, and not IT/BT as most of the women entrepreneurs in the state are in the manufacturing sector; agro, health handicraft, food processing etc," she added. A change in name will also help avoid confusion with the ELEVATE programme for startups in the IT sector, she said. "We could name it Shakti. Land cost has become prohibitive for women entrepreneurs. There is a need for allotment of land in industrial estates and parks with 50 per cent subsidised cost for women entrepreneurs," she added.

For startups, Ratnaprabha said they do not require land, but need hand-holding. There is also a need for incubation centres with plug-and-play infrastructure facilities and a flat factory system for women entrepreneurs to start and operate at subsidised and affordable cost. "This effort can begin in a phased manner, preferably in Bengaluru, Hubballi, Mysuru and Kalaburagi to address scarcity of industrial land. It can be named as KWEENS HUB - Karnataka Women Entrepreneurs Enterprise Networks, just as WEHUB in Telangana," she added.



The big question: To have school uniforms or not

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

THERE are two alternative ways to look at a secularist approach — One law that applies to all, despite diversity; or equal freedom to all to respect that very diversity. The ongoing issue of school uniforms falls within this dilemma — one uniform for all students in a particular institution, or allow students to wear what they want within their socio-cultural boundaries.

With the uniform issue grabbing media attention over the last few months, it has become vital to understand where exactly the idea of uniforms for schoolchildren came from. The focal point of this will be the Karnataka Education Act of 1983, particularly Section 133(2), which has been cited multiple times to designate uniforms or dress code in educational institutions by the Karnataka government.

However, the Act itself does not mandate any kind of dress code or uniform, with educationist KE Radhakrishna saying that uniforms became popular in Indian schools somewhere between three to four decades ago. "The purpose of uniforms and the reason they were introduced was to have a sense of different identities. It was initially used by private schools to distinguish themselves from each other and to have a qualitative and quantitative competition," Radhakrishna told TNIE.

According to him, the uniform gradually became both a status symbol in schools and an equaliser to prevent poorer students from being targeted due to their economic status. Following this, government schools also started adopting uniforms, both in part to act as an equaliser and also to compete with private schools. In his experience as a faculty member of Seshadripuram College, and later as its principal, he says that dress codes were never mandated.

United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) education specialist Sheshagiri KM Rao echoes similar views saying that in his days as a PU student, uniforms and dress codes were not the norm, being a relatively newer aspect of education in Karnataka. "There are, however, exceptions made for minority institutions, where the right to practice their religion in educational institutions run by them is a protected right under the Constitution," he said, citing his experience as a student of Baldwin Boys High School, run by the Methodist Church in India.

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ligion in educational institutions run by them is a protected right under the Constitution," he said, citing his experience as a student of Baldwin Boys High School, run by the Methodist Church in India.

However, a public school, Rao says, is considered a secular space. "This can be interpreted in two ways — either by removing all religious symbols in schools to ensure complete uniformity, or allow students to wear clothes that are not considered indecent, since a secular school should not be concerned with the religious practices of a student unless it is considered offensive to other students in terms of indecency," Rao said. Further, he said that in his experience as a specialist, he had visited thousands of government schools where pictures of gods of learning were put up, stating that it had always been common practice.

Radhakrishna said that he was in favour of doing away with uniforms as their purpose had been corrupted over the years. "The uniform was introduced with good intentions, it stood as a symbol of preventing caste disparity and to establish equality in schools. It later became a symbol of status, but now, it has become an instrument for politically volatile individuals to take advantage of," He added that the need for uniforms had also reduced, stating that they were necessary to ensure equality 40 years ago, but India had come a long way in terms of access to education, which is no longer considered a status symbol.

Both educationists agreed that there needs to be a minimum guideline for promoting decent clothing in educational institutions, but the need for uniforms had long passed. Citing the 1992 case that led to Article 21 (A), which declares education for children between the ages of 6 to 14 a fundamental right, Sheshagiri Rao says the Supreme Court had equated the right to education with the right to life. "The court had stated that the right to education is no less than right to life and failure to guarantee it would lead to a limiting future prospects that would impact quality of life severely," he said.

Several education experts have stressed that uniforms can be mandated in schools up to Class 10 and done away with in the later years to allow students transition into dressing cultures for various careers where uniforms are not mandated.

"Many private education institutions are given the discretion to decide and prescribe uniforms, and students and parents are aware of the uniform rule at the time of admissions," reasons one academic, unwilling to be named. "So, if wearing a particular uniform is an issue for them on the grounds of social or cultural factors, they are free to take admission in an institution which does not make wearing of uniforms compulsory."

Highlighting examples where uniforms are used in other sections of society, Radhakrishna said, "Uniforms are used by defence personnel or police to establish an identity, corporate higher-ups may have a dress code, but people, including civil servants, do not wear uniforms."

Arguments In Favour of Uniforms

- A sense of community among students, staff and parents.
- Improved discipline and concentration.
- Instils a working environment mindset that separates home and school life.
- Reduces distraction from wearing the latest fashionable brands.
- Places students on a level playing field

Arguments Against Uniforms

- Research conducted by David L. Brunsma, a researcher at the University of Missouri-Columbia, USA, on the advantages of wearing uniforms in schools/colleges, showed they were not effective in achieving outcomes that were assumed to be achieved.
- No noticeable increase in concentration on studies among students wearing uniforms, as believed.
- No noticeable balance in social status separating students.
- No noticeable improvement in academic achievements.
- On the contrary, they are associated with a detrimental effect on achievement in reading, Brunsma's research showed.

STATUS IN DIFFERENT STATES

- Uniform codes across India have remained more or less than same, with each state having their respective Education Acts
- Politics seems to have seeped into drawing up uniform codes in Rajasthan, as the then BJP-led government mandated uniforms to be brown in 2018, and the now Congress-led government changing this to dark grey and blue from the coming academic year.
- With schools reopening, Goa has removed the compulsory uniform, mandating that authorities are not to insist on uniform wearing in schools.
- In states like Odisha and West Bengal, school uniforms are mandatory, with the view that it helps lessen the rate of social conflicts. The Odisha government has also provided uniforms to students from Classes 1 to 8.
- A school in Kerala recently came under fire after they decided to implement 'unisex' uniforms, with girls wearing trousers.



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pose had been corrupted over the years. "The uniform was introduced with good intentions, it stood as a symbol of preventing caste disparity and to establish equality in schools. It later became a symbol of status, but now, it has become an instrument for politically volatile individuals to take advantage of," He added that the need for uniforms had also reduced, stating that they were necessary to ensure equality 40 years ago, but India had come a long way in terms of access to education, which is no longer considered a status symbol.

Under Section 133 (2) of the Karnataka Education Act-1983, which says a uniform style of clothes has to be worn compulsorily. The private school administration can choose a uniform of their choice." The order also said that in colleges which come under the Karnataka Board of Pre-University Education, dress code prescribed by the College Development Committee or the administrative supervisory committee must be followed. If the administration does not fix a dress code, clothes that do not threaten equality, unity and public order must be worn.

Under Section 133 of the Act, the government reserves the right to issue appropriate directions to schools and colleges to ensure maintenance of public order.

As per the rules and Notifications under the Karnataka Education Act, 1983, every recognised educational institution may specify its own set of uniforms. Such uniform, once specified, shall not be changed within a period of five years. A notice should be provided to change uniform. Purchase of uniform and books from the school or a shop etc., and stitching suggested by the school authorities, shall be an option to the students and parents.

The State Government, on February 5, issued an order "invoking Sec 133 (2) of the Karnataka Education Act-1983, which says a uniform style of clothes has to be worn compulsorily. The private school administration can choose a uniform of their choice." The order also said that in colleges which come under the Karnataka Board of Pre-University Education, dress code prescribed by the College Development Committee or the administrative supervisory committee must be followed. If the administration does not fix a dress code, clothes that do not threaten equality, unity and public order must be worn.



WHAT THE KARNATAKA ACT SAYS

Bomma must ensure justice: Siddaramaiah

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CONGRESS Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah tweeted that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai should not politicise the issue and ensure justice to the victim's family. He told the media in Mangaluru, "Dinesh was a Congress worker. But be it Bajrang Dal or Congress worker, I condemn the murder."

Vasanth Bangera said that Dinesh was a sole breadwinner of the family, and is survived by an aged mother, his wife and three small children. He demanded a compensation of Rs 25 lakh for the victim's family.

EXPRESS READ

BJD heads towards victory in Odisha ZP polls

BHUBANESWAR : The BJD seemed to be heading towards a landslide victory in Zilla Parishad elections in Odisha, by establishing early leads in 278 zones out of the 315 counting for which was taken up in the first phase. The Opposition and Congress have fallen way behind in leading in 18 and 15 zones respectively while independents and others are ahead in only four seats.

Granite firms yet to deal with pandemic losses

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SIRIGIRI, a leading granite exporter, said their exports to Russia and Ukraine will be hit if the war continues. "We are also worried whether our shipments that were halfway have reached ports. Usually, we get a container within a day, but during Covid, we could not source them even after trying for two to three weeks. During the pandemic, ships preferred to transport food, coffee and textile products that are of less weight. We will suffer heavy losses if we don't get containers on time from Tuticorin and Chennai ports," he added.

Giri, another exporter, said that exports have not been hit as of now. "But the war will definitely have an impact if it spreads to other parts of Europe or the US takes on Russia. The cost of production will shoot up once fuel prices skyrocket," he added.

He said that Italy, France, the US and European countries prefer the Chamarajanagar black granite over the black granite available in China.

Granite Industries Association president GM Hegde said that many

quarry companies deliver the stones to exporters in Bengaluru and Hosur, from where they are packed and delivered to the rest of the world. "We are yet to deal with losses suffered during the pandemic and the war is not a good sign for our industry," he added.

Shivaraj Thangadagi, a granite factory owner from Ilkal, said they had suffered huge losses during Covid as they could not deliver their ruby red granite to China, where it is in high demand. World leaders should work towards ending the Russia-Ukraine war soon and ensure that air and sea traffic does not suffer in the interest of peace and also business, he pleaded.

The red granite from Kanakapura too is in high demand in Europe and Russia, where the stone is used as kitchen slabs and for flooring. The stone cutting and polishing units here employ hundreds of people and compete directly with Germany, China, the US and Australia.

Mines and Geology Department officials said that if there is a fall in production and exports, it will directly affect revenue collections of the state government.

We are yet to deal with losses suffered during the pandemic and the war is not a good sign for our industry

GM Hegde, President, Granite Industries Association

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Trainee pilot killed after aircraft crashes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Hyderabad

A Cessna aircraft belonging to Flytech Aviation Academy crashed in the fields in Nalgonda district, Telangana, on Saturday. A woman trainee on board the aircraft died in the crash. According to eyewitnesses, the aircraft went rogue and crashed in a nose diving position.

While technical snag is suspected to have led to the crash, the DGCA will probe in detail into the incident, based on which further investigation will take place, said SP Nalgonda Rema Rajeswari.

The trainee pilot has been identified as Maheema Gajjaraj (29) of Tamilnadu and has been training from Flytech aviation academy at Macherla in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh, she said.

Around 10.50 am on Saturday locals near Tungaturthi of Peddavoora mandal in the district noticed the aircraft flying above. In a few minutes, it went rogue and went into a nose diving position and crashed down. As it crashed it broke and Maheema, who was stuck in the cabin, died on the spot.

Alerted by locals, police along with



fire, revenue and health teams rushed to the spot. They said there was no fire in the crash.

Eye witnesses who saw the aircraft crashing said that it came from the side of Nagarjuna Sagar. "Though it's an unusual sight, we initially thought it was some special flight going to Hyderabad. But it crashed in moments," they said

Rema Rajeswari told Express that a Cessna is a two seater aircraft, but at the time of the incident, there was only one occupant in it. It could be due to training.

GRAFT IN PURCHASE OF TEST KITS AT KOZHIKODE LAB

AMIYA MEETHAL @ Kozhikode

SUBMITTING the purchase vouchers of virus testing kits from a private company that does not manufacture them; passing off Indian-made machines as Italian-made ... these are two of the major corruption deals signed by the Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) at the Kozhikode Government Medical College (MCH).

Based on a whistleblower complaint, the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB) inspected the MCH. It was in December 2017 that VRDL purchased eight amplicon dengue PCR kits, seven influenza viruses panel RT-PCR kits, three measles virus RT-PCR kits, and seven Flu/HRSV kits for ₹6.92 lakh.

The MCH principal approved the purchase by superscribing on the file that "kits are received in good condition and it has been entered in the registry of VRDL (sic)". But a letter written by an RAS top official, accessed by TNIE, claimed the company had neither manufactured nor supplied any of these diagnostics items, except the amplicon dengue kit. The letter said the wrong entry might have caused the error in the VRDL registry.

Kozhikode MCH principal Dr V R Rajendran called the complaint a mere allegation. "There has been no follow-up to the inspection. It was a mere allegation," he said.

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Canara Bank

(Govt. of India Undertaking)

TRICHY ARM BRANCH

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30.03.2022 for recovery of Rs. 1,07,30,066.80 (Rupees One Crore Seven Lakhs Thirty Thousand Sixty Six and Paise Eighty Only) due as on 31.12.2021 with further interest thereon from 01.01.2022 + Cost to Trichy ARM Branch of Canara Bank from Borrower Mr. J. Shijai.

The reserve price for will be Rs. 40,50,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 4,05,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Five Thousand Only).

The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before 29.03.2022 till 4 pm.

Details and full description of the property:

All the piece and parcel of the converted land measuring 25 Guntas (i.e. 27.225 Sq. ft) katha No. 670 in Sy. No. 30 of Chinnappanahalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palika Situated within the following four boundaries viz.: North by: Remaining land in same survey number South by : Land in Sy. No. 31, East by: Remaining land in same survey number, West by: Marathalli Village boundary. In that, Residential apartment No.201, situated on the 2nd floor of the building known as "VANSHEE CITADEL" constructed on the above said property in having built up area of 1203.92 sq.ft along with 653.28 sq.ft of UDS, together with car parking in basement.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, Please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM Branch, Trichy-1(Authorized Officer of Canara Bank ARM Branch Trichy), Ph. No. 0431 2416067 during office hours on any working day.

Place : Trichy
Date : 24.02.2022

**AUTHORISED OFFICER
CANARA BANK**

Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Textiles, Government of India

Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Limited (A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

GANDHI SHILP BAZAAR EXHIBITION CUM SALE OF HANDICRAFTS

Inauguration by

Sri M.T.B. Nagaraj
Hon'ble Minister of Municipal Administration, Small Scale Industries and Public Enterprises, Govt. of Karnataka

In the August Presence of

Sri Tejasvi Surya
Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Bengaluru South Constituency

Presided by

Smt. Sowmya Reddy
Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Jayanagar Constituency

Chief Guest

Dr. Beloor Raghavendra Shetty
Hon'ble Chairman, KSHDCL, Bengaluru

Sri Pankaj Kumar Pandey IAS
Secretary to Government (MSME, Mines)

Smt. D. Roopa Moudgil, IPS
Managing Director, KSHDCL, Bengaluru

Sri G.S. Dayananda
Director, KSHDCL, Bengaluru

Sri M. Prabhakaran
Regional Director I/c, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Southern Regional office, Chennai.

Inauguration Date: 27.02.2022, Sunday at 5.00 p.m Venue: Sindhoor Convention Centre, # 48/75, 15th Cross, Sarakki 1st Phase, Ring Road, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-560 078.

EXHIBITION CUM SALE From 27.02.2022 to 08.03.2022
Time : From 10.00 am to 8.30 pm (open on Sunday also)

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-59)

Misc. Petition No.262/2022

Between:

JUNE KHAZI

Aged about 56 years, W/o Tamejed Ahmed Khazi, Residing at RA 701, Purva Riviera Apartments, Old airport Road, Near Marathalli Road, Bengaluru - 560037

..Petitioner

And

NIL

..Respondent

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public are hereby informed that the above petition has been filed by Mrs. June Khazi, the petitioner above named to be appointed as full legal guardian of her sister Mrs. Anitha Wendy Teresa, residing at A-105, Sterling Park Apartment, Kodigehalli main road, Near Chairmen's Club, Sahakaranagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560092.

Any person having any objection to the same may appear before the Hon'ble Court mentioned above on 06/04/2022, and lodge their objections if any, failing which the above petition will proceed on the basis that there are no objections.

Copy of the Petition can be obtained from the advocate for the petitioners mentioned below.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court on this the 23rd day of Feb, 2022, Bengaluru

Date: 15.02.2022

BY ORDER OF THE COURT,

Sd/- ASSISTANT REGISTRAR CITY CIVIL COURT BANGALORE

Advocate for Petitioner

Sd/- K.B. S Manian, Advocate

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CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001.
E-Mail id : crmd@cityunionbank.in, Ph : 0435-2432322, Fax : 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Properties)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of City Union Bank Ltd., having its Administrative Office at No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001 and one of the Branch Offices of City Union Bank Ltd. as mentioned below: Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) & (12), read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated as mentioned below calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of the said notice. The borrowers below named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers below named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules. The borrowers below named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount as mentioned below and interest till the repayment of entire dues.

City Union Bank Ltd., No. 58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural - 560003.

I. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mrs. Saravana Centri Cast, A-56, 2nd Main, 2nd Stage, Peenya Industrial Estate, Bangalore - 560058. No.2) Mr. B. Dinesh Kumar, S/o. Mr. K. Balram, No.40/76, 20th Main, 2nd Block, Rajaji Nagar, Near Navrang Theatre, Bangalore - 560010. No.3) Mrs. J. Usha Nandini, W/o. Mr. Dinesh Kumar, No.40/76, 20th Main, 2nd Block, Rajaji Nagar, Near Navrang Theatre, Bangalore - 560010. No.4) Mrs. B. Jayanthi, W/o. Mr. M. Sundar, 610, 15th Main, 3rd Stage, 1st Block, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore - 560079.

Date of Demand Notice: 24-11-2021 followed by Paper Publication dated 15-12-2021. **Date of Possession:** 23-02-2022. **Amount Outstanding:** Rs.68,85,533/- (Rupees Six Crore Eighty Five Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Three Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 11-02-2022 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. B. Dinesh Kumar, S/o. K. Balram & Mrs. B. Jayanthi, W/o. M. Sundar)

Property - 1:- All that piece and parcel of the Land and Building situated at Site No.76 (Old No.40), PID No. 15-12-76, 20th Main Road, 2nd Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore. Measuring:- East to West - 90 feet and North to South - 43 feet together with building constructed thereon and bounded by:- East by - Site No.43, West by - Chord Road, North by - Site No.41, South by - Site No.39.

II. Name of the Borrowers: No.1) Mrs. M. Shubhamanga, W/o. Mr. Srinivasan, at No.23, S1 Galaxy Kousthuba, West Park Road, Bengaluru - 560057. No.2) Mr. Srinivasan, S/o. Mr. Durai, at No.23, S1 Galaxy Kousthuba, West Park Road, Bengaluru - 560057.

Date of Demand Notice: 22-11-2021 followed by Paper Publication dated 17-12-2021. **Date of Possession:** 23-02-2022. **Amount Outstanding:** Rs.36,56,476/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Six Only) within 60 days from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from 16-02-2022 till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Property - 1: (Properties Owned by Mrs. M. Shubhamanga, W/o. Srinivasan)

Schedule - A

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Municipal No.15 (Old Nos. 15 & 15/1), (Very Old No.27) (PID No. 5-9-15), measuring East to West 65' & 62' 2" and North to South 40 feet totally measuring 2,540 Sq.ft., Situated at 5th Temple Street, 15th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru and bounded on the:- East by - Common Passages and Road, West by - Common Passages and Private Property, North by - Private Property No.75, South by - Private Property No.39.

Schedule - B

All that piece and parcel of Flat No.001 in the Ground Floor consisting of Two Bedrooms, Hall, Kitchen, Pooja Room, Utility and Attached Bathroom-cum-Toilet and Common Bathroom-cum-Toilet constructed in the Schedule - A Property, having Super Built-up Area of 1,180 Sq.ft. and 300 Sq.ft. land Undivided Right, Title and Interest in the Schedule - A Property with Covered Car Parking.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 23-02-2022

Authorised Officer
City Union Bank Ltd.

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN :** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

IN THE COURT OF THE 3rd ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE

O.S No. 57/17/2018

BETWEEN :- MRS. SUDARSHAN CONSTRUCTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED, Having its Registered Office at No.514, Dalma Towers, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400021. **Also at:** No.75/78, 100 ft Road, HAL, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038. Represented by its Authorized Signatory Mr. Chhabra. **PLAINTIFF**

AND :- SRI. V. NAGESHWARA RAO & ANOTHER **DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANTS NO.1 & 2 UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1-A) OF C.P.C.

1. Sri. V. Nageshwara Rao, Son of V. Govindiah, Aged about 40 years, No.24/1, Second Floor, Racecourse Road, Bangalore - 560001.

2. Sri. Srikanth Nair K. Son of Krishnan Nair, aged about 46 years, Residing at No.35, 4th Main, D Cross, St. Ann's School Road, Ashwari Nagar, Begur Hobli, Bangalore - 560076.

Whereas, the plaintiff Company has filed the above suit against you for the permanent injunction with respect to the schedule property, you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court either in person, agents or through a pleader on **4th April 2022 at 11.00 AM** to defend the above case, failing which the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand & seal of this court on this **24-02-2022**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY :- All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land measuring **1 Acre 33 Guntas** in survey No.331 of Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, all taxed by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, and the entire property is owned by:- East by:- Property in Survey No.330, West by:- Property in Survey No.328/2, North by:- Property in Survey No.328/3 & 325, South by:- Property in Survey No.328/2.

By order of this court, Registrar PRL, Civil Judge's Court, Bangalore @ Dist. Bangalore

Address for service:
RAHUL P. S. Advocate,
For Mandal & Associates, 6/12, "FM House",
Primerose Road, Bangalore - 560025.

MUTHOOT FINCORP LTD. GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Regd. Office: Muthoot Centre, TC No 14/2074 - 7 Punnen Road, Trivandrum, Kerala - 695 039. CIN : U65929KL1997PLC011518, Ph: +91 471 4911400, 2331427

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned that Gold ornaments pledged with under mentioned branches of the company for the period upto 31.03.2021 & MSGSL, SPL-16, One plus, Guide Prepaid, Super value, ADGL and all other 6 months tenure Gold loans up to 30.06.2021 and MSGS & EMI due up to 31.12.2021 which were overdue for redemption and which have not been redeemed so far in spite of repeated notices, will be auctioned on 07.03.2022 from 10 am onwards.

VIJAYAPURA: F13582, F17048, F17181, F17290, F17341, F18165, F18216, F19419, F19429, F19467, F19489, F19470, F19471, F19473, F19476, F19483, F19486, F19501, F19505, F19534, F19540, F19544, F19545, F19549, F19556, F19561, F19564, F19577, F19580, F19586, F19593, F19595, F19600, F19606, F19622, F19624, F19627, F19630, F19631, F19632, F19633, F19634, F19635, F19636, F19637, F19638, F19639, F19640, F19641, F19642, F19643, F19644, F19645, F19646, F19647, F19648, F19649, F19650, F19651, F19652, F19653, F19654, F19655, F19656, F19657, F19658, F19659, F19660, F19661, F19662, F19663, F19664, F19665, F19666, F19667, F19668, F19669, F19670, F19671, F19672, F19673, F19674, F19675, F19676, F19677, F19678, F19679, F19680, F19681, F19682, F19683, F19684, F19685, F19686, F19687, F19688, F19689, F19690, F19691, F19692, F19693, F19694, F19695, F19696, F19697, F19698, F19699, F19700, F19701, F19702, F19703, F19704, F19705, F19706, F19707, F19708, F19709, F19710, F19711, F19712, F19713, F19714, F19715, F19716, F19717, F19718, F19719, F19720, F19721, F19722, F19723, F19724, F19725, F19726, F19727, F19728, F19729, F19730, F19731, F19732, F19733, F19734, F19735, F19736, F19737, F19738, F19739, F19740, F19741, F19742, F19743, F19744, F19745, F19746, F19747, F19748, F19749, F19750, F19751, F19752, F19753, F19754, F19755, F19756, F19757, F19758, F19759, F19760, F19761, F19762, F19763, F19764, F19765, F19766, F19767, F19768, F19769, F19770, F19771, F19772, F19773, F19774, F19775, F19776, F19777, F19778, F19779, F19780, F19781, F19782, F19783, F19784, F19785, F19786, F19787, F19788, F19789, F19790, F19791, F19792, F19793, F19794, F19795, F19796, F19797, F19798, F19799, F19800, F19801, F19802, F19803, F19804, F19805, F19806, F19807, F19808, F19809, F19810, F19811, F19812, F19813, F19814, F19815, F19816, F19817, F19818, F19819, F19820, F19821, F19822, F19823, F19824, F19825, F19826, F19827, F19828, F19829, F19830, F19831, F19832, F19833, F19834, F19835, F19836, F19837, F19838, F19839, F19840, F19841, F19842, F19843, F19844, F19845, F19846, F19847, F19848, F19849, F19850, F19851, F19852, F19853, F19854, F19855, F19856, F19857, F19858, F19859, F19860, F19861, F19862, F19863, F19864, F19865, F19866, F19867, F19868, F19869, F19870, F19871, F19872, F19873, F19874, F19875, F19876, F19877, F19878, F19879, F19880, F19881, F19882, F19883, F19884, F19885, F19886, F19887, F19888, F19889, F19890, F19891, F19892, F19893, F19894, F19895, F19896, F19897, F19898, F19899, F19900, F19901, F19902, F19903, F19904, F19905, F19906, F19907, F19908, F19909, F19910, F19911, F19912, F19913, F19914, F19915, F19916, F19917, F19918, F19919, F19920, F19921, F19922, F19923, F19924, F19925, F19926, F19927, F19928, F19929, F19930, F19931, F19932, F19933, F19934, F19935, F19936, F19937, F19938, F19939, F19940, F19941, F19942, F19943, F19944, F19945, F19946, F19947, F19948, F19949, F19950, F19951, F19952, F19953, F19954, F19955, F19956, F19957, F19958, F19959, F19960, F19961, F19962, F19963, F19964, F19965, F19966, F19967, F19968, F19969, F19970, F19971, F19972, F19973, F19974, F19975, F19976, F19977, F19978, F19979, F19980, F19981, F19982, F19983, F19984, F19985, F19986, F19987, F19988, F19989, F19990, F19991, F19992, F19993, F19994, F19995, F19996, F19997, F19998, F19999, F20000, F20001, F20002, F20003, F20004, F20005, F20006, F20007, F20008, F20009, F20010, F20011, F20012, F20013, F20014, F20015, F20016, F20017, F20018, F20019, F20020, F20021, F20022, F20023, F20024, F20025, F20026, F20027, F20028, F20029, F20030, F20031, F20032, F20033, F20034, F20035, F20036, F20037, F20038, F20039, F20040, F20041, F20042, F20043, F20044, F20045, F20046, F20047, F20048, F20049, F20050, F20051, F20052, F20053, F20054, F20055, F20056, F20057, F20058, F20059, F20060, F20061, F20062, F20063, F20064, F20065, F20066, F20067, F20068, F20069, F20070, F20071, F20072, F20073, F20074, F20075, F20076, F20077, F20078, F20079, F20080, F20081, F20082, F20083, F20084, F20085, F20086, F20087, F20088, F20089, F20090, F20091, F20092, F20093, F20094, F20095, F20096, F20097, F20098, F20099, F20100, F20101, F201

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (b) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.66,30,152/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakh Thirty Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Two Only)** as on 21-10-2021 together with further interest to be charged from 22-10-2021 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors No.1) **M/s. K.B.S. Engineering Works, No.52, 4th Cross, 4th Main Road, Kote Street, Yelahanka Old Town, Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560064.** No.2) **Mr. G. Muniraju, S/o. Mr. Gopalappa, No.58, 3rd Ward, Ramgondanahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064.** No.3) **Mrs. G. Sindhu, W/o. Mr. G. Muniraju, No.58, 3rd Ward, Ramgondanahalli, Yelahanka, Bangalore - 560064.**

Note: That our 237-Bengaluru Yelahanka Branch has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL BR-501812080053755) dated 30-12-2019 requested by No.1 of you represented by No.2 of you as Proprietor for which No.3 of you stood as Co-obligant and No.3 of you stood as Guarantor for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 11,50,000/-** at a ROI of 15.75%. The same has been also classified as **NPA** on 04-05-2020 and the outstanding balance as on 21-10-2021 is **Rs.15,42,801/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and One Only)** plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from 22-10-2021 till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Properties Owned by Mrs. G. Sindhu, W/o. Mr. G. Muniraju)

Item No.1:- All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.3/1B, measuring 0-14 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by : Private Property, West by : Sy.No.2/1 of H. Ramaiah , North by : Mysore Road, South by : Sy.No.3/1A.

Item No.2:- All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.3/1C, measuring 1 Acre 13 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by : Sy. No.4/1, West by : Property of Chikkahannumiah and Muddappa, North by : Sy. No.3/1A, South by : Sy. No.6 of Chikkavenkatappa.

Item No.3:- All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy.No.5, measuring 0-16.85 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by : Rajakaluve / Nala, West by : Sy. No.3/1C, North by : Sy. No.4, South by : Sy. No.6 of Chikkavenkatappa.

Item No.4:- All that piece and parcel of the converted land property bearing Sy. No.2/1, measuring 0-3/3 Guntas situated at Pantharapalya Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, East by Sy. No.3/1B, West by : Remaining property in Sy. No. 2/1 belonging to Bettigowda, North by : Mysore Road, South by : Sy. No.3/1C.

Schedule - B
All that piece and parcel of 567 sq. feet undivided right title and interest in the Schedule "A" property.

Schedule-C
Apartment No.202, on First Floor measuring super built-up area of 1,350 Sq. ft. in the building called "RADIANT KAREL" being constructed on the Schedule A property with the Floors, Ceiling and Walls between units jointly belonging to such Apartment owners equally along with common rights in respect of common areas and amenities with one covered Car Parking Area.

Reserve Price: Rs.50,00,000/-
(Rupees Fifty Lakh Only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
22-03-2022	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Yelahanka Branch, 324, 3rd A Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560106. Telephone No.080-28463272, Cell No.9341005406.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. (2) The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Yelahanka Branch, 324, 3rd A Cross, First Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560106. (3) The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd., together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of "City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. (4) For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact Telephone No.080-28463272, Cell No.9341005406. (5) The properties are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever there is" basis. (6) The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at 01.00 p.m. on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. (7) The successful bidder shall have to pay 25% (inclusive of EMD paid) of the sale amount immediately on completion of sale and the balance amount of 75% within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of 25% shall be forfeited. (8) The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. (9) The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. (10) The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. (11) The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place: Kumbakonam, Date: 25-02-2022 Authorised Officer
Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, CIN - L65110TN1904PLC001287, Telephone No.0435-2402322, Fax: 0435-2431746, Website: www.cityunionbank.com



HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916
Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020
Regional Office : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore - 560001. Ph : 080 41183000
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POSSESSION NOTICE (Symbolic Possession)

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice(s), incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realisation.

Sr No	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of the Property
1	Mr. Ajay G (Borrower)	Rs.89,43,621/- in Loan Account No.628956810, Rs.5,44,040/- in Loan Account No.630967104 and Rs.1,85,926/- in Loan Account No.635713874 totally accruing to Rs.96,73,587/- (Rupees Ninety Six Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Seven Only) due as on 31.03.2021	23.04.2021	25.02.2022	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.72, Old Katha No.148/1, New Katha No.425/148/1, Property No.48 & 49, situated at Babusarapalya Village, Chelakere Dhakke, K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, now comes under BBMP limits Bangalore, measuring East to West : 40 Feet, North to South : 60 Feet, totally measuring 2400 sq.ft., and bounded on the : East by: 30 Feet Road, West by : Site No.93, North by : 30 Feet Road, South by : Site No 71, The schedule property consists of 20 Squares of RCC roofed building in Ground Floor and 2 Squares of RCC roofed building in First Floor, with all types of basic amenities.
2	Mr. Madhu Manduva (Borrower),	Loan Account No. 612508697 Rs.30,52,813/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen only) as on 31.08.2021	29.09.2021	25.02.2022	All that piece and parcel of residential 3 bed room apartment bearing No.G05, Ground Floor, of the building known as "VIKYATH SPRING", having a super built up area of 1431 Sq. ft. along with one car parking space, with proportionate share of 300 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land, on which this Apartment complex is constructed which is situated on land measuring East to West 116.46 feet and North to South 82 feet, totally measuring about 9550 Sq. feet, the said property presently bears common clubbed BBMP Katha No.69/C-71/41, C-70/41 bearing site Nos.C-70 & C-71, Property No.41, situated at Alfa Garden Layout, Kodigehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore Ward No.54, Bangalore.
3	Mr. Hari Prasad Dorairaj (Borrower) and Mrs. Kalarani G (Co-Borrower),	Loan Account No. 608184062 Rs.19,27,220/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Only) as on 31.10.2021	30.11.2021	25.02.2022	Schedule-A: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Converted Sy No.3/2 (converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide Conversion Order bearing No.BDS.ALN/(EVH) SR: 300/2010-11, and ALN(EVH)SR.303/2010-11 dated 05/01/2012, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore), Present BBMP Amalgated Katha No.1406, Municipal No.27 & 28, situated at Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, totally measuring about 21 Guntas, Out of which portion of land has gone for road widening and 19.5 Guntas in all measuring out of total 21 Guntas, situated at Varthur Village and Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk and it is bounded on: East By : Property belonging to Kempnanna and Narayanachar, West By : Property belonging to Late Kumbara Krishnappa; North By : Property belonging to Ramachari and Ananthamurthy; South By : Balagara-Varthur Main Road. Schedule-B: 343 Sq. Ft. undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. Schedule-C: Residential Apartment/Flat No.406, in the Third Floor, measuring about 1277 Sq. feet, super built up area, containing Two bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "VRS CITADEL" constructed over Schedule "A" Property.

"with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realisation. However, since the borrower mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken Symbolic possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above. The borrower mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets. Copies of the Phanchanma drawn and Inventory made available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower is requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date: 27.02.2022
Place: Bangalore Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

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AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SITUATED AT AYANAVARAM

Notice is hereby given that the office of the undersigned has proposed to conduct an auction as per the provisions laid down in the 2nd Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 and sale of immovable property, which belongs to **M/s.Delta Projects (Partners of Shri. J. Annamalai & Smt.A.Priya Annanappan) No.48/19,Rajamangalam Main Road, Villivakkam, Chennai- 600 049** being income tax defaulter for the purpose of recovery of income tax arrears.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES

"An apartment bearing Flat No. C-156 on the Fifteenth Floor in Block 'C' together car parking space in the basement of the multistoried building complex known as "SUNNNYVALE", No.351, K.H. Road, Ayanavaram, Chennai, Flat measuring on extent of 1599 Sq.ft (plinth area of flat inclusive of share in common area) together with 485.99 Sq.ft undivided share of land described in the schedule D above within the registration Sub district of Anna Nagar and Registration District of Central Chennai".

Reserve price IN Rupees : Rs.95,99,000/- plus poundage fee & costs

E.M.D in Rupees : Rs.1,00,000/-

DATE AND TIME OF AUCTION

23.03.2022 @ 11.00 AM

VENUE OF AUCTION

Income Tax Auditorium (Vaigal Hall) in the
Income Tax Main Building Campus, Aayakar Bhavan,
121, M.G. Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600034.

CONDITIONS:

- The intending bidders are requested to deposit **Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Only)** as Earnest Money Deposit for the above property by means of Demand Draft in favour of "Tax Recovery Officer-3, Income Tax Dept., Chennai" drawn on any schedule bank payable at Chennai before the beginning of actual auction proceedings, which is refundable to the parties except successful. The successful bidder shall pay immediately after such declaration, deposit of 25 % on the amount of his purchase money to the officer conducting sale, and in default of such deposit the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold. The full amount of purchase money payable should be paid by the purchaser to the undersigned on or before 15th day from the date of sale of property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day being a Sunday or other holiday, then on first office day after the fifteenth day. In default of payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be resold after issue of fresh proclamation of sale.
- The Property will be auctioned on "as is where is and what is there is basis".
- The details of the property and the copy of the Encumbrance Certificate can be perused at the office of the undersigned on any working day prior to auction, after fixing an appointment with the undersigned during office hours.
- Detailed terms and conditions of the auction sale may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.
- The aforesaid property will not be sold below the Reserve Price of **Rs.95,99,000/-** (C.D.Vejayalakshme)

Date: 21.02.2022 Tax Recovery Officer-3
Place : Chennai O/o. Pr. Commissioner of Income Tax-3, Chennai.

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Branch Office: Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, Divyashree Chambers # 11, O' Shaughnessy Road, 5th floor, K' Wing off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025.

E-AUCTION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISIO RULE 8(b) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on	Date & Time of inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date, Time & Place for Submission of Bid
1	30258310000147	1) Ms. Savitha S 2) Mr. Srinivasan TC	Demand Notice dated: 03.07.2020	Possession Notice dated: 22.12.2020	Rs.9,76,069/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand and Sixty Nine Only) as on 24-02-2022	02.03.2022 Between 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m	Rs.13,43,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Forty Three Thousand and Three Hundred Only)	Rs.1,34,300/- (Rupees One Lakh Thirty Four Thousand and Three Hundred Only)	29th March 2022 at 11.30 a.m	28th March 2022 before 5 pm at Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, No.2/1, New No.4, Rukmani Nilaya, 1st Floor, Near Metro Station, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560023.

Property Description/Schedule: All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing No.A-105, Katha No.246, Assessment No.421/78-T-2-A-105, First Floor of Tower -02, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bath Room and a balcony along with covered car parking space, bearing No.23 in Tower No.02, in the Residential Apartment Complex known as "JANAADHAR SHUBHA" constructed on the Schedule "A" Property, having a super built up area of 400sq.ft with vitrified flooring and the proportionate share in the common areas, such as passages, stairs, ducts, well and/or rooms, water, drainage and/or electrical and/or other areas, used in common with the Purchaser of other Apartment. **Bounded by:** East by: Lobby & Staircase, West by: B-108, North by: Open Space, South by: B-108 & Lobby. The Super Built Area means and includes the exclusive Floor Area of each Apartment Unit and the Proportionate areas covered by common walls, passages, stairs, ducts, well and/or rooms, water, drainage and/or electrical conduits, parks, open parking and/or other areas used in common with the Purchaser/s of other Apartment/s.

2	30258310000288	1) Mr. Raghu. G 2) Mrs. Sharadhamma	Demand Notice dated: 07.07.2020	Possession Notice dated: 22.12.2020	Rs.8,81,852/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Two Only) as on 24-02-2022	02.03.2022 Between 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m	Rs.10,88,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Only)	Rs.1,08,800/- (Rupees One Lakh Eight Thousand and Eight Hundred Only)	29th March at 11.30 a.m	28th March 2022 before 5pm at Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, No.2/1, New No.4, Rukmani Nilaya, 1st Floor, Near Metro Station, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560023.
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Property Description/Schedule: Residential Apartment Bearing No.A-104 Khata No.482, Assessment No.T-6-A-104, First floor of Tower-6, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, residential Apartment Complex known as "Janaadhar Shubha" constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms, water, drainage and/or electrical conduits and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments and is bounded on: North by: Open space, South by: A-103, East by: Corridor & Open space, West by: A-109. The Super built up area means and includes the exclusive floor area of each apartment unit and the proportionate areas covered by common walls, passages, stairs, ducts, well and/or rooms, water, drainage and/or electrical conduits, parks, and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.

3	30258310000058	1) Mr. Shivakumar 2) Mrs. Usharani 3) Mary Stella Rani	Demand Notice dated: 29.08.2020	Possession Notice dated: 26.03.2021	Rs.7,82,532/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Two Only) as on 24-02-2022	02.03.2022 Between 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m	Rs.10,88,000/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Only)	Rs.1,08,800/- (Rupees One Lakh Eight Thousand and Eight Hundred Only)	29th March at 11.30 a.m	28th March 2022 before 5pm at Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, No.2/1, New No.4, Rukmani Nilaya, 1st Floor, Near Metro Station, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560023.
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Property Description/Schedule: **Schedule-A: Description of Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted lands totally measuring about 11 acres and 18 Guntas including the kharab land in Sy.No.39/1, 39/2, 40/3 and 42/1 all situated at M.Medehalli, Attibetihalli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Taluk Bangalore and bounded on the: North by: Maya Sandra Gadi, South by: Lands in Survey No.41, East by: Lands in Survey No.43, West by: Road.
Schedule-B' Property: Property to be conveyed: The undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule "A" property mentioned above works out to 195 square feet.
Schedule-C: Description of Residential Unit: Residential Apartment Bearing No.B-112 First floor of Tower-08, consists of One Hall, One Bed Room, Kitchen, Bathroom and a balcony, in the residential Apartment Complex known as "Janaadhar Shubha" constructed on the Schedule-"A" Property having a super built up area of 400 square feet with vitrified flooring and on the proportionate share in the common areas, such as passages, stairs, ducts well and/or rooms, water, drainage and/or electrical conduits and/or other areas used in common with the purchasers of other Apartments.

4	45348950001991	1) Mr. Shaikh salem 2) Mr. Gulshan Ara	Demand Notice dated: 26.04.2021	Possession Notice dated: 09.11.2021	Rs.6,49,066/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand and Sixty Six Only) as on 24-02-2022	02.03.2022 Between 9.30 a.m to 5.30 p.m	Rs.7,65,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Only)	Rs.76,500/- (Rupees Seventy Six Thousand Five Hundred Only)	29th March at 11.30 a.m	28th March 2022 before 5pm at Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, No.2/1, New No.4, Rukmani Nilaya, 1st Floor, Near Metro Station, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560023.
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Property Description/Schedule: All that piece and Parcel of Immovable property bearing Property Site No.4, property no. 194/2 Hulimangala Panchayath limits, as per Form No.9-11, Katha S.L. 804, situated at S.Bengipura Village Jiganihobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore Rural District in all measuring East to West 30 ft and North to South 20 ft totally measuring 600 sq.ft. **East by:** Vasanthrao's property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Noor Ahmed's property, **South by:** Rasuddin's property.

The properties are being held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" & "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and the E-Auction will be conducted "On Line". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Limited (Auction Tiger)** at the web portal <https://janabank.auctiontiger.net>. For more information and For details, help, procedure and online training on e-auction, prospective bidders may contact **M/s. e-Procurement Technologies Ltd.; Contact Number: 09722778828/ 078-68136854/51, 55, 56. E-Mail ids: praveen.thevar@auctiontiger.net**. For further details on terms and conditions to take part in e-auction proceedings and any for any query relating to property please contact Jana Small Finance Bank officers **Mr. Manjunatha M (Mob No.98450 81357) & Mr.B.Sreejith (Mob No: 99168 27135)** To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are no encumbrances on the properties. However the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of property put on prior to submitting their bid. No conditional bid will be accepted. This is also a notice to the above named borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors about e-auction scheduled for the mortgaged properties. The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date: 27.02.2022
Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorized Officer
Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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IDA : NACHARAM : HYDERABAD - 500076. Phone No. 27152207, 08 & 09
TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tender Notification No. TF/GG/tender/365/ Raw Materials/2021. Dt. 25-02-2022
Telangana Foods invites Tenders for procurement of 5500 MTs of S-30 Gr. Sugar, 3500 MTs of Bengalgram Dal (AGMARK) and 2400 MTs of RBD-RPO (Refined Palm Oil). For details please visit website: <https://tender.eprocurement.gov.in> and website: <https://foods.telangana.gov.in> from 26-02-2022 at 03:00 PM onwards.
DPR No.: 2762-PP-AGENCY/ADVT/2021-22, Dt-26-02-2022
Sd/- Managing Director

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TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following properties mortgaged to City Union Bank Limited will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (b) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.45,43,570/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakh Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy only)** as on 22-02-2022 together with further interest to be charged from 23-02-2022 onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors No.1) **Mr. T.B. Venkataramana, S/o. Balavenkataiah, at River Bank Road, Holenarasipura, Hassan District - 573 211.** No.2) **Mr. T.B. Chandrashekar, S/o. Balavenkataiah, at River Bank Road, Holenarasipura, Hassan District - 573 211.** No.3) **Mr. Fakeerappa Siddabavi, S/o. Mr. Siddabavi (Legal heir of late T.B. Alamelu) Sri Sangameswara Sadana, Brundavana Nagara, Near Govinda Koppa Hospital, Koppala Taluk, Koppala District.**

Note : That our 093-Tiptur Branch has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080053755) dated 29-06-2019 requested by No.1 of you for which Late T.B. Alamelu of you stood as Co-obligant and No. 1 & Late T.B. Alamelu of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 47,00,000/-** at a RO of 17.00%. The same has been also classified as **NPA** on 28-11-2019 and the outstanding balance as on 22-02-2022 is **Rs. 74,94,362/-** plus further interest and penal interest of 2.00% with monthly rests to be charged from 23-02-2022 till the date of realization.

UKRAINE: THE OPTICS & REALITY OF SANCTIONS

TRAGEDIES are triggered by action — and are often compounded by what is not done. The wave of sanctions unleashed by the US, the EU and the UK has not deterred Russia. Kyiv is under siege. Volodymyr Zelensky, a stand up artist is standing up to Russia and a people left to fend for themselves by the world seek refuge in neighbouring Poland or make Molotov cocktails to face the invaders.

The distance between the optics and the reality of sanctions on the ground is instructive. On Thursday, the US Government imposed 'severe sanctions'. President Joe Biden declared that they are aimed to turn Vladimir Putin into an 'international pariah'. The announcements came at around 1.30 pm EST. In less than an hour, the price of crude dipped below the pre-sanctions level. Stock markets moved from deep red to bright green territory. By the end of the trading day, the Dow Jones Industrial Average moved up 800 points, the NASDAQ Composite moved from 3.5 per cent loss to 3.8 per cent rise. The no-pain scenario symbolised the perception of the inadequacy of significant and expected pain on Russia.

A day later, the European Union unveiled a new set of sanctions following those of the US and UK. Beyond shutting off the spigots of finance for Russian entities, ban on aircraft parts and access to important technology, the EU sanctions sought to freeze the assets of Putin and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey V Lavrov. Nobody quite knows if they have assets outside Russia or indeed why they would keep assets in their own name.

The so-called consensus for sanctions was born out of compromises. It is widely believed shutting Russia out of the SWIFT banking system is critical. The UK wanted Russia to be booted out of the SWIFT system. The US balked and Germany and Hungary opposed it outright. Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi successfully carved out Italian luxury goods and Belgium fought hard to keep diamond trade out of the sanctions package. The duplicity is manifest — the freedom to peddle Gucci loafers and high-value sparklers to Russian oligarchs was more important than the freedom of the people of a sovereign nation under invasion.

Facts are unaffected by sentiments. Theoretically, sanctions can work but history shows its effect is at best tardy. And the Russian experience reveals the inefficacy. After Russia annexed Crimea in March 2014, the US and allies imposed economic sanctions. Since then Russia has de-dollarized its public finance, has the lowest debt to GDP ratio and its reserves have touched \$ 650 billion dollars. Along the way it enabled the Assad regime in Syria to sustain power. Crimea continues to be annexed and Ukraine faces the threat of being "demilitarised".

This week, China dismissed sanctions as ineffective. And they know why. In 1989, the EU and the US imposed sanctions on China after the Tiananmen Square protests. It was aimed to turn China more democratic. Beijing has since shut down democracy in Hong Kong, waged unprovoked border wars with India, has articulated its ambition to annex Taiwan. Ironically, US officials apparently urged China repeatedly to intervene and to stop the war in Ukraine.

Words can be weaponised into rhetoric to convey intent but the force of sanctions is defanged. The crux of failure lies in structural rigidities of the economies which is the basis for ideological ambiguity. Natural gas is the preferred transit option to meet climate change goals. Ten of the EU's members depend on Russia for energy. Would Germany be so dependent if it had reviewed its 2011 decision on nuclear power after Russia's annexation of Crimea? Could Europe have crafted the energy grid to be Atma Nirbhar? Indeed, Javier Blas, author of 'The World for Sale', observed on Friday that "since the fighting began, Russia started selling its gas at very close to record levels. It's making lots of money, which is going into FX reserves!"

For decades, the US and its allies have pursued what is described as the strategy of wishful thinking. The hope harboured by the US and NATO allies has been that Russia, in the post-cold-war era, will assimilate with the European project — the larger idea of peaceful and prosperous Europe. Similarly, the Nixon administration invested in the idea of befriending China. The administrations which followed enabled China's rise with trade and entry into world trade in the hope that one day China will join mainstream democracies.

The question which must haunt the Western world and subscribers of the rule-based world order is what are the options when China moves towards what President Xi Jinping characterises as "reunification" with Taiwan. Can the US or its allies envisage sanctions as a deterrent when Xi moves ahead with the declared ambition? The question which must follow is does the United Nations in its current architecture serve the purpose of preserving the Westphalian idea of sovereignty and rule-based world order? Can the West agree to make the Security Council more representative? Can it usher in systemic options — provisions for no-fly zones, a multilateral force to stop authoritarian cartographers.

It has been said that for decades nothing happens and then there are weeks when decades happen. The end of history is indisputably also the beginning of history.

AMBEDKAR, MULK RAJ. WHERE'S THAT INDIA?

POINT OF VIEW

T J S GEORGE

WHY is it that we don't have writer-intellectuals like Mulk Raj Anand any more? Why is it that we don't have reformists like B R Ambedkar any more? The impolite answer is that Anand's and Ambedkar's India no longer exists, the India whose ideology was India. When ideology took on political postures, things changed. What exists now is an India that thinks things through as per the single ideology that is identified as patriotic.

In the old days religious and cultural differences were considered part of India's strength because, through it all, people grew into a co-existing pattern of give-and-take, of mutual appreciation and accommodation. So Mulk Raj and Ambedkar could meet and exchange ideas like civilised adults. The records show what happened at such a meeting.

Mulk Raj said: Namaskar, Dr Ambedkar.

Ambedkar: I prefer the Buddhist greeting, Om Mani Padme Hum. May the lotuses awake.

Mulk Raj: I agree. We inherit words without questioning their meaning. Of course, Namaskar means I bow before you.

Ambedkar: Bowing perpetuates submission. May the lotuses awake is a prayer for enlightenment.

What a beautiful approach to words and phrases that normally we use without thinking about their meanings. Mulk Raj and Ambedkar saw life's subtleties in the inheritance of words. They saw the hidden meanings and the additional beauty the meanings acquired by being hidden. Ambedkar and Mulk Raj were men who had developed beyond the ordinary, so they could see beyond what was visible — and were the wiser for it.

J R D Tata figures in a similar episode where the nuances of words mattered. Romesh Thapar, known as a Marxist ideologue, was publisher of the weekly Cross Roads when he gave JRD's name as reference in his application for a foreign service post. When Tata's clearance was sought, the tycoon said he had no objection "although I do think it is a sad commentary on the present condition and frame of mind of the proletariat that its leaders are reduced to asking the support of blood-sucking capitalists such as myself."

Thapar had addressed Tata as Jay. JRD said that Jay was a noisy bird of the crow family which in practical usage meant a simpleton. He then wrote: "For future reference please note that my name is spelt Jeh, in abbreviation of Jehangir, and that any resemblance between me and the bird is purely coincidental." Romesh Thapar who saw

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himself as superior to ordinary mortals, must have felt differently when he saw JRD's note.

The no-nonsense Tata had a similar encounter with Russi Karanjia, powerful boss of the powerful weekly, Blitz. Russi wrote to him asking for an appointment to interview him. JRD replied: "There is such an abyss between what you and I stand for in the things that count in life that there is no possibility of a meeting of the minds." After saying that a meeting would make them "waste each other's time", he wrote: "Life is short and difficult as it is and there is enough tension between individuals and peoples without creating occasions to add to it." It is clear that JRD was a fully evolved persona. Alas, the same cannot be said of the journalists he confronted, although they were leaders of the profession at the time.

Nevertheless, the journalism Blitz practised was bold and beautiful. Karanjia's readers had great fun watching his tug-of-war with DF Karaka's weekly called Current. Of course, Current was nowhere near Blitz in reader appeal, but Karaka was a social bigwig and carried on the fight with ardour. At one point, Karanjia floored D F Karaka by calling him Damn Fool Karaka. Journalism was fun in those days. Or perhaps we must say, Life was fun in those days.

It was fun because the yardsticks applied for judging people and events were based on human qualities. Now everything is based on political ideology. Either you are with the BJP or against it. Perhaps Indian history will some day be written in terms of pre-BJP and BJP. (And a third period called post-BJP? Ah, some hope!)

Ambedkar and Mulk Raj Anand were lively political beings. Blitz and Current wallowed in politics. And politics was largely a gentleman's game during their times. With ideology grabbing the game, it became a rogues' engagement. What is disparagingly called Bhajapa changed everything. Now politicians do not accept the idea of defeat. They go on and on. Look at Lalu Prasad. Repeatedly sentenced to jail, but he goes on as though Bihar's future depends on his leadership. As someone said, our democracy is "defeat proof."

We must add: Our defeats are democracy-proof.

UKRAINE CRISIS & ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIA



OPINION

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THE Russian military attack on Ukraine (February 24) that jolted the world reached a critical cusp on Saturday (February 26) with Russian tanks closing in on the beleaguered capital Kyiv, even as the death toll mounts and thousands of local citizens flee the hapless nation.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has stunned the global community with his ruthless use of military force to alter the political map of central Europe and the implications of this action are complex and multi-layered. The immediate fallout is on the urban citizenry of Ukraine whose population roughly is pegged at 41 million. Television visuals of the destruction of military assets by Russian ordnance bear similarity to the deadly convulsions witnessed in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan in the last two decades. The collateral damage suffered by the civilians is tragic and reminiscent of the bloody history of Europe, which till February 24 thought that a military aggression of this nature was a familiar feature of a traumatic past now consigned to history.

The trauma and tragedy unfolding now is a precursor, despite some fierce resistance, to the fall of Kyiv. It also seems inevitable that Putin will impose a political template which will seek to ensure that a demilitarised Ukraine remains neutral; NATO membership is no longer an option; and Kyiv remains beholden to Moscow. A Ukraine model based on the Finland arrangement may yet emerge — but it will be an unhappy and anguished Ukrainian majority. Should they choose to oppose the Russian aggression — a bitter and bloody



civil war is a probability. But for now — Ukraine is alone — and it is unlikely that any other nation would send its 'boots' to support Kyiv. This is the cynical reality of the geo-politics of the early 21st century. A post Ukraine global framework is forming with multiple contradictions between aspiration and reality, mediated by the compulsions of principle, power, opportunism and political pragmatism — all of this in flux — against the backdrop of a Covid-scarred global economy with its tangled web of dependencies.

A clinical and objective review of the major powers and their penchant to use military force in the post Cold war period would suggest that whether Ukraine in 2022 or Iraq in 2003, there are no effective constraints to inhibit such actions. The UN Security Council with its five permanent members have ensured that their own policies and related actions remain unfettered and unless they tread on each other's core interests, the unwritten principle of 'might is right' prevails. Yes, there is a rhetorical commitment to liberal values and the normative principles of international relations but as Ukraine demonstrated, having Russia sit in the chair of the UNSC to review its own actions is akin to the fox being in charge of the hen coop.

The world entered a post Cold War phase in December 1991 when the Soviet Union imploded and the US was

acknowledged as the sole superpower. This image of a confident hegemon that faced no challenge was sullied by the terror attack of September 9, 2001. An uneasy world lurched into a post 9/11 global order which had a pyrrhic denouement in the US withdrawal from Afghanistan in August 2021 and the triumphant return of the Taliban to Kabul.

The US' credibility was dented by the chaotic withdrawal from the Afghan quagmire and this had been preceded by a tumultuous Trump presidency and a Covid pandemic that acquired a global foot-print — though China remained relatively unscathed.

An exaggerated perception of the decline of the US gained traction, along with a China that believed it had 'arrived' and could challenge what it saw as US hegemony and unilateralism. Concurrently, the Russia-US relationship also turned more brittle and the just concluded Winter Olympic Games in Beijing saw the consolidation of a China-Russia strategic dyad — a relationship that is now projected as one that has 'no limits.'

The invasion and impending fall of Kyiv to the Russian military will be a definitive punctuation in global geopolitics, and the world is now groping for the contour of the post Ukraine world order. A Sino-Russian axis that is in opposition to the US and its allies is on the cards — though some European

nations have different views on how to deal with Moscow over its Ukraine invasion given their dependence on Russian gas.

India is in a similar predicament since it has nurtured a special relationship with Moscow for decades. During the second phase of the Cold War, the US had co-opted China as a junior partner to contain the former USSR and Moscow in turn invested in Delhi through a 'friendship' agreement. The latter partnership blossomed into a major military inventory relationship whose most significant outcome was India enabling the creation of Bangladesh.

The US focus /pivot to Russia over Ukraine will have multiple implications for India. Its abstention over the UNSC vote may cause immediate disappointment in Washington about India, but of deeper import will be the impact of the invasion on the Indo-Pacific as a region of US strategic relevance. The prioritisation of China as the abiding challenge for the US and its allies may be diluted given the political salience of Ukraine for President Joe Biden. It is very unlikely that he will go to the American voter as the President who lost both Afghanistan and Ukraine, and hence, the US focus and related effort will be on galvanising an ambivalent NATO to deal with Russia and the catalyzed Sino-Russian dyad.

India will have to review its own security and strategic challenges in the post Ukraine context and manage its relations with an assertive China that may seek to mediate the India-Russia relationship and the military inventory supplier status that Moscow enjoys.

The received wisdom about the next decade is that the global GDP ladder will be that of China in pole position with the US as a close second and India as a distant third. This accords India a 'swing' status in the emerging strategic calculus and both Washington and Beijing would be calibrating their own post-Ukraine long-term policies accordingly. However, much will depend on India's profile as a liberal democracy that remains committed to the normative principle — even if Delhi was constrained to remain silent over the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

QUOTE CORNER

I am here. We will not lay down any weapons. We will defend our state, because our weapons are our truth. A lot of fake information has appeared on the internet... Our truth is that this is our land, our country, our children. And we will protect all of this

Volodymyr Zelensky, Ukrainian President

In Ukraine, UN staff are on the ground, scaling up the delivery of life-saving support, on both sides of the line of contact. ... The protection of civilians must be priority number one.

António Guterres, UN secretary general

You can veto this resolution, but you cannot veto our voices. You cannot veto the truth. You cannot veto our principles. You cannot veto the Ukrainian people.

Linda Thomas-Greenfield, American Ambassador to the UN

MAILBAG WRITE TO

Imran lying through his teeth

This refers to 'Imran's' TV debate suggestion shows lack of maturity' (TNIE, Editorial, Feb 24). The Pakistan PM is reported to have recently told Russia that it will be beneficial if a TV debate can be arranged for him with the Indian PM so as to settle the 'one and only issue' which he described as Kashmir. It is baffling how come he has conveniently forgotten that for any meaningful and effective dialogue to begin, Islamabad has to explain its plan of actions to remove the big blemishes and blots it is carrying along as a 'terror state'. Specifically, it should show evidence beyond any lota of doubt that it has sanitised and cleared its soil of the terror set-up and brass.

R Sampath, Chennai

Past catches up with Sidhu

Apparently, Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu is in trouble considering that the Supreme

Court has asked to file his response, within two weeks, to a review petition regarding his conviction in the 1988 road rage case. Those days, the cricket-turned-politician was wielding a lot of influence, and by pulling the right strings he had managed to get away with a mild punishment instead of being held guilty of culpable homicide. It's hoped that the petitioner gets justice and Sidhu is awarded the apt punishment, even though more than three decades have elapsed after the perpetration of the crime. Let the apex court prove that justice was delayed, but not denied.

PG Menon, Chennai

Protect home buyers

The editorial 'SC order a big relief to home buyers' (Feb 24) contains an extremely important caveat for home buyers. All the problems arise when the builder breaches trust and the project fails en route. In such eventuality, the only safeguard is to ensure a system in which no commercial loan is allowed to the builder against the assets in which the buyers are interested, and if loan is a must, allow

it only against any alternative assets. The commercial lender's right over an otherwise sold out apartment should be zero. The RERA is no proper answer to all the tensions and risks home buyers often undergo.

P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Don't take voters for granted

This refers to the article 'Hobbesian Fear — Primary Driver of BJP's campaign'. Thomas Hobbes Philosophy of absolutism via fear psychosis applies to nations like China, Russia and North Korea but not to India. Fear induced in citizens during Emergency ultimately caused the downfall of Indira Gandhi through vox populi vox dei in 1977. BJP's poll strategy may at best be correlated with John Locke's philosophy of empiricism based on the past experience, present scenario and future predilections. The question of building narratives on majoritarianism or minoritism gets obscured in the bigger scheme of things in the larger national perspective. And that is good for our inclusive democracy across a wide geography. Emotional electoral narratives

are not taken seriously by informed voters who are able to see things through sans fear or generalised notion doing rounds in media.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Oppn drama in Telangana

This is with reference to 'Time for parties in T'gana to stop rhetoric' (Feb 26). Politicians are an intelligent lot. While in opposition, they make wildest accusations against the ruling party to hog the limelight in newspapers. They never file cases of corruption in the courts as it requires concrete evidence and the verdict will come after several decades, just like Lalu Prasad's fodder cases after 25 years. Both BJP and Congress are well aware that their chances of coming to power in Telangana is a distant dream and that KCR and his family will romp home with a majority. Both Revanth and Bandi use their lung power to hurl wild allegations, real or imaginary against KCR. PM Modi himself knows fully well what his party's chances are in the South, including Telangana.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati



TWEETS
OF THE
DAY



Yashwant Sinha @YashwantSinha
Shells do not recognize nationality. India should've evacuated it's nationals from Ukraine instead of leaving them to suffer



Randeep Singh Surjewala @rssurjewala
By ending representation of Haryana and Punjab in BBMB, the Modi government once again did the work of crushing the rights of these states



Jagat Prakash Nadda @JPNadda
When Akhilesh's govt was in UP, Babubhai used to beat state. Today there's a double engine govt, they're playing gilli danda in jail

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BJP, SP supporters
booked for violence

BAHRAICH: About two dozen BJP and SP supporters were booked and nine arrested for allegedly clashing with each other in Khudadat village of Matara assembly constituency. A senior police officer said the fight broke out Friday night between supporters of SP candidate Madhuri Verma and BJP candidate Arunveer Singh outside a dhaba. A case has been registered for violating section 144 of the CrP and Model Code of Conduct.

Only Saifai family
flourishes in SP: Yogi

AMBEDKAR NAGAR (UP): UP CM Yogi Adityanath on Saturday hit out at the SP, saying they call themselves as socialists but only the Saifai family flourishes in the party. Saifai in the native place of Akhilesh Yadav. The CM said Dr Ram Manohar Lohia used to say that a true socialist must "stay away from property and progeny". "But their is 'sabka saath, Saifai parivar ka vikas (support of all and development of Saifai family)'"

BJP's strategic planning to win over castes

UP deputy CM challenged by SP's Pallavi Patel, both OBC leaders, in Sirathu where a rainbow of castes are present

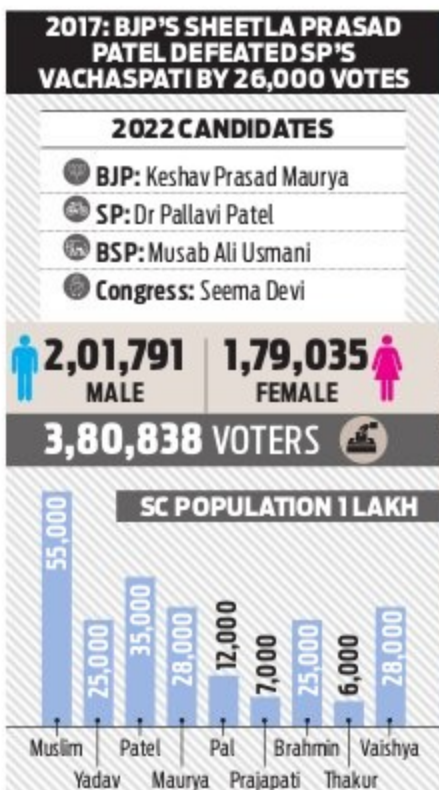
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AS the high-octane election campaign comes to an end in Sirathu, three youngsters ride a motorbike with BJP and SP flags fluttering in their hands, aptly depicting the mood here. Sirathu has UP Deputy CM Keshav Prasad Maurya fighting Dr Pallavi Patel of Apna Dal (Kamerawadi). Patel, contesting on the SP symbol, is the elder sister of Union minister Anupriya Patel, who heads Apna Dal (Sonela) which is in alliance with the BJP. BSP, which had earlier named a Brahmin candidate, has replaced him with Munsab Ali Usmani while the Congress has fielded Seema Devi.

The caste equation is set to play a crucial role in deciding the outcome in Sirathu. The seat is dominated by two prominent castes, Pasi (Scheduled Caste) and Patel — Kurmis who make the second biggest chunk of OBCs after Yadavs in UP. Moreover, Brahmins and Vaishyas (traders community), too, are in considerable numbers.

Sirathu falls in Kausambi district which has three Assembly segments. The other two are Manjhanpur, which is also the district headquarter, and Chayal. Manjhanpur is a reserved constituency. In 2017, the BJP had won all the three.

Both Maurya and Patel are



Falling in Kausambi district, Sirathu is seeing a direct fight between BJP & SP

OBCs. Maurya, BJP's prominent OBC face in UP, knows well that a victory in Sirathu is crucial to his political career irrespective of his party's performance in the state.

Facing a tough challenge in Sirathu, BJP has played its cards strategically in adjoining seats. Expecting the support of upper castes and SCs, the party replaced sitting MLA Sanjay Singh with Nagendra Pratap Singh Patel in neighbouring Chayal. The party strategists think this would keep its Patel

votes intact in a larger area, thus benefiting Maurya.

Similarly, Vachaspati, the SP runner-up in 2017, is a Pasi leader from Sirathu and is now the Apna Dal (S) candidate in Bara, a reserved seat in Prayagraj. BJP sources claim his presence will help Maurya in moving the Pasis in his favour in Sirathu. Even BSP's decision to change its candidate may also work in Maurya's favour.

TSS
GROUND ZERO

As soon as one stops at the first grocery shop in the main market, people smelling the presence of a journalist, started shouting 'Jai Shree Ram' slogan. Umesh, in his early 30s, repeats the catch line popular in Sirathu even before he could be asked anything. "Jai Keshav, Tai Keshav (long live Keshav, Keshav's victory is certain)". Before Umesh could add anything, Ashok Yadav, sitting in a tea-stall, pitches in. "Let him

BIG FIGHTS: PHASE- 5

1. SIRATHU 2017 | BJP

Having won the seat in 2012 for the first time when Keshav Maurya registered a maiden victory in 2012, BJP lost it to SP in the bypoll after Maurya was elected MP. BJP regained it in 2017. The seat is set for a fierce battle between Maurya and Pallavi Patel of Apna Dal (K), who is contesting on SP symbol. She is the sister of Union minister Anupriya Patel.



2. ALLAHABAD WEST 2017 | BJP

BJP had never won this seat before 2017 when former PM Lal Bahadur Shastri's grandson Siddharth Nath Singh emerged victorious. Before that, the seat had been sending mafia don Atiq Ahmad between 1989 and 2002, first as an independent and then on SP and Apna Dal tickets. However, Puja Pal, the widow of slain BSP leader Raju Pal, snatched the seat in 2007. In 2017, however, BJP won the seat defeating former AUSU president Richa Singh. Siddharth and Richa are crossing swords again on this seat.

3. AYODHYA 2017 | BJP

Sitting BJP MLA Ved Prakash Gupta and runner-up former minister Pawan Pandey are locked in a repeat clash. In 2012, Pandey emerged as a giant-killer when he ended the run of five-time BJP MLA Lallu Singh. Gupta hopes to benefit from the BJP government's development works in the town. Pandey is banking on the caste matrix.



4. ALLAHABAD SOUTH 2017 | BJP

UP's aviation minister Nand Gopal 'Nandi', who switched over from BSP to win the seat in 2017, felled two veterans when he won it for the first time in 2007 — Keshari Nath Tripathi and Rita Bahuguna Joshi. Tripathi had a stranglehold over the seat between 1989 and 2002. Nandi, who has had a keen contest against SP's Haji Pervez Ahmad in the past three polls, faces Congress's debutant Alpana Nishad and SP's Raish Chandra Shukla. Nandi's wife, Abhilasha Gupta, is city mayor.

5. KUNDA 2017 | IND

It's generally said about UP polls, there are contests on only 402 seats and one constituency sends its winner almost unopposed. Such is the command Raghuraj Pratap Singh alias Raja Bhaiya holds over Kunda. Without joining any party, he has won the seat six times. This time, however, he has a challenge as he faces Gulshan Yadav of SP.



6. RAMPUR KHAS 2017 | CONG

This is another seat in Pratargarh with family legacy running deep. Congress veteran Pramod Tiwari won the seat for nine times since 1980. In 2013, after getting elected to Rajya Sabha, Tiwari passed the baton passed on to daughter Aradhna Mishra 'Mona', who retained the seat in both the bypoll and the state elections in 2017. Aradhna is now the leader of Congress Legislature Party (CLP). She is facing her old rival Nagendra Pratap Singh of BJP.



POLL FERVOUR

Supporters of Samajwadi Party at an election campaign rally of party chief Akhilesh Yadav in Balrampur on Saturday | PTI

Gaining ground tough for new Kuki-based party

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THE tribal Kukis in Manipur are going to polls with a political party they consider their own. The Kuki People's Alliance (KPA), floated last month with an aim to protect the land, culture, identity and nationalism of the Kukis, is contesting in two seats.

A similar move, initiated in the 1950s, had fallen flat. As the Kuki National Assembly remained moribund for the past many years, a group of Kuki leaders, including intellectuals, floated the KPA.

The party said it could not field candidates in many seats as it got recognition from the Election Commission only in mid-January. "The registration process is tedious. We got our registration in January, six-seven months after we had applied for it. And we got the right to field candidates in mid-Jan-



A rally of KPA's Saikul candidate Kimneo Haokip Hangshing at Saikul Bazar

uary," KPA vice president Dr Chinkholal Thangsing said.

He said the party got barely two weeks to decide on its candidates and this prompted some prospective candidates to go to some national parties.

"In the 1950s the Kukis had a political party Kuki National Assembly but it remained dysfunctional. We felt it needs to be revived but could not do so despite discussions for four-five years," Dr Thangsing said.

As elsewhere, the Kukis of Manipur, who are the descendants of Zo community, are politically divided. They owe their allegiance to different political parties, including the BJP.

Dr Thangsing claimed the KPA is "broad-based and it represents the different ethnic Kuki clans and tribes".

He said the KPA would have been in a stronger position if it had the time to field eight-nine candidates. "It would have

CONG MOVES EC OVER OUTFIT'S STATEMENT

Imphal: The opposition Congress has complained to the poll panel about a purported statement of support by a militant group, the Kuki National Organisation, in favour of the ruling BJP, calling it a "direct and clear threat to the conduct of free and fair elections" in Manipur. The grand old party has submitted memorandum EC.

helped us to assert ourselves for achieving our goals. But I believe the KPA will be the future of the Kukis," he said.

The party tried to warm up to the voters saying it can protect their land, culture, identity and nationalism unlike other parties. People have been receptive, he claimed.

Earlier, the National People's Party (NPP) had alleged that its candidates and workers were being intimidated by some trib-

al insurgent groups in peace mode at the behest of the BJP.

Dr Thangsing said the rebels have their own way of thinking which may not be the same as that of the general public. "But I feel they are also thinking for the right cause. They are fighting for a territorial council for our people," he said. "Since a certain party (BJP) is in power in the state and at the Centre, there must be some belief that if we appease them, they might be able to fast-forward the talks for securing our demand," Dr Thangsing said.

On the streets of Churachandpur the BJP is more visible. The district has six constituencies and in the 2017 elections, the BJP and the Congress had won three seats each. This election, the NPP and the JD(U) are trying to emerge as a force to reckon with. The general perception is that the Kuki-based KPA will get lost in the polls in an avalanche of parties.

New Punjab Assembly to witness poll to fill five Rajya Sabha seats in April

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ONCE the Punjab Assembly election results are declared on March 10 and the new House is convened, the members have to elect five MPs for the Rajya Sabha as the tenure of five incumbent MPs from the state in the Upper House of Parliament ends in early April. For the last 25 years, Punjab Assembly has been electing Rajya Sabha members without a contest as both Congress and SAD-BJP field candidates who can bag enough votes to sail through the Assembly.

The five MPs from the state

whose six-year tenure ends in April are Partap Singh Bajwa and Shamsher Singh Dullo of Congress, Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa of SAD (Sanyukt), Naresh Gujral of SAD and Shwail Malik of BJP.

The term of two other Rajya Sabha members from the state — Ambika Soni of Congress and Balwinder Singh Bhunder of SAD — will end in July.

The outgoing Assembly, which was formed in 2017, did not get chance to elect any member to the Rajya Sabha, as the previous election to Rajya Sabha was held in 2016. This will be the first time the AAP

will get a chance to vote in Rajya Sabha polls.

Since the Assembly is likely to have representatives of more than two parties, the poll is likely to witness a contest. While in other states, one-third of their Rajya Sabha MPs retire every two years, Punjab's case is different as the state was under president rule from 1985 to 1992 and no Rajya Sabha election was held during this period. In 1992, when the RS poll took place, MPs were elected together. Since then, RS polls are held every six years in the state and all members are elected in one go.

Rahul warns leaders against losing people touch

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IN a plain-speak before Gujarat Congress leaders, Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said there was no place in the party for those who "do not want to work on the ground level."

His warning came at a 'Chintan Shivir' (brainstorming session) today, months before the Gujarat Assembly polls due later this year. The Congress leader offered prayers at the Dwarkadhish temple in Dwarka, where top party leaders are meeting to chalk out a strategy for the Assembly elections.

Rahul said that there are two classes in the Congress — one working on the ground for the



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visits a temple in Dwarka on Saturday | EXPRESS

people and the other, sitting in air-conditioned rooms.

"Those who do not work for the party actively and make only speeches sitting in air-con-

ditioned rooms, pack such leaders off to BJP as a gift," said Rahul. "We need five energetic people to bring Congress to power in Gujarat," he added.

Gandhi landed at Jamnagar airport in a special plane, before arriving at Dwarka in a helicopter around noon. After being applied 'tilak' on forehead, Gandhi went into the temple with a 'dhaja', a large religious flag to be offered to the temple, said Gujarat Congress' Kisan Cell president, Pal Ambalia. As many as 500 delegates are attending the Shivir.

"How many Congress leaders does the BJP still need? Take as many leaders as you want from the Congress, we don't need people who leave the Congress ideology. Gujarat has given ideology to the Congress. If we want to win in Gujarat, we have to show a new vision for it," he said.

	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	28	14	Mumbai	32	23
Bhopal	33	15	Panaji	31	22
Jaipur	27	14	Patna	31	16
Amritsar	20	07	Lucknow	29	15
Chennai	32	23	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	32	20	Imphal	27	09
Srinagar	11	-01	Chandigarh	27	10

PM calls for bigger presence of pvt sector in medical education

Asks states to frame policies so that Indians don't have to go abroad for studies



Stranded students near Poland border; Indians enter Hungary from Ukrainian side at Zahony crossing, travelling to Budapest for return to India | EXPRESS/PTI

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

WITHOUT making any reference to the medical students stranded in Ukraine, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asked states to come up with policies to ensure that Indians don't have to go abroad to study and called upon the private players to have a bigger presence in the medical education sector and "Our children today are going to small countries for studies, especially in medical education. Language is a problem there, but they are still going. Lots of money is

also going out," Modi said while addressing a webinar on the Union Budget announcements regarding the health sector.

The PM also urged the private sector to pitch in. "Can our private sector not enter this field in a big way? Can our state governments not frame good land allotment policies so that doctors and paramedics are trained here? Not only this, we can also fulfill the demand of the world," he said.

The prime minister's appeal comes at a time when thousands of students, mostly



studying medicine, are stranded as Russian forces carry out an attack on the eastern European country. Still, his remarks assume significance as Indian students are facing innumerable problems.

He said that India could benefit greatly from its demographic dividend in this field. "Wherever India's doctors work, they have won hearts. Our doctors' talent has been recognised and praised the world over. Our branding is already there, so we just need to train more talented doctors," he said.

Dwelling on the positive

role of remote healthcare and telemedicine during the pandemic, Modi said these technologies helped in reducing health access divide between urban and rural India. "We have adopted a holistic approach in our healthcare system. Today, our focus is not only on health but equally on wellness."

The government plans to strengthen primary health care and is speeding up work on opening up 1.5 lakh health and wellness centres, of which 85,000 are already providing routine check-up, vaccination and tests, he said.

First batch of Indians returns from war zone

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE first Air India Boeing 787 aircraft carrying 219 Indians from Ukraine after the Russian offensive started landed at Mumbai airport from Romanian capital Bucharest at 7.50 pm on Saturday.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal received the students and greeted them saying, "Welcome back to the motherland". The students raised the slogan, "Jai Hind".

Two more evacuation flights — one for Bucharest and one for Hungarian capital Budapest — departed from Delhi.

Amid efforts to evacuate stranded Indians via border transit points of some of Ukraine's neighbouring countries, chaos and confusion prevailed. The Indian embassy in Kyiv issued another advisory on Saturday asking the Indian nationals not to move to any of the border posts without prior coordination

with the MEA or embassy officials.

"The situation at various border checkpoints is sensitive and the embassy is working continuously with our embassies in neighbouring countries for coordinated evacuation of our citizens. Embassy is finding it increasingly difficult to help the crossing of those Indian nationals who reach border checkpoints without prior intimation," the advisory stated.

It was relatively safer for Indians staying in western cities of Ukraine (Lutsk, Rivne, Lviv, Uzhhorod, Cheernivtsi) with access to water, food, accommodation and basic amenities to be stationed there till they coordinate their efforts with officials to reach border posts. Those living in eastern parts (Kharkiv, Poltava) were advised to stay put until they receive further instructions. People were advised to stay indoors as much as possible.



Ukrainian citizens living in India places flowers near the gate of the country's embassy in New Delhi on Saturday | SHEKHAR YADAV

HOMESICK

We can't travel to Romania as it's very unsafe and we have also got this notice which says until the authorities ask us to move out of Kharkiv, we can't. For us, to go there it's a huge task

SHANAM SHAJI, Kharkiv

We got an advisory from the Indian embassy and reached the Hungary border but have not got any help. We are hungry, thirsty, cold. We have to cross border but no arrangement has been made

VIJAY KUMAR, Kyiv

The situation is very critical here. We are spending sleepless nights amid bombardments and gunfire. We are in panic and want to return to India anyhow — MD SHAHRUKH ANSARI, Kyiv

Students left to fend for themselves near Poland

ANKITA UPADHYAY @ New Delhi

STUDENTS who had left for Poland border from Ukraine's Lviv are stuck near the transit point as there has been no communication from the Indian embassy and have been left to fend for themselves.

According to Sonu, a student of Lviv National Medical University, the student contractors who helped them reach the border points for evacuation have asked them to take shelter in cheap ac-

commodations in nearby areas.

"The embassy has asked us not to send anyone to Polish borders. Students from many universities have reached there and till now, the border is not open. The students are getting sick due to cold weather and desperately asking the embassy for help," said one of the contractors in a Whatsapp text to the students, who shared the message with this newspaper.

They added that the embas-

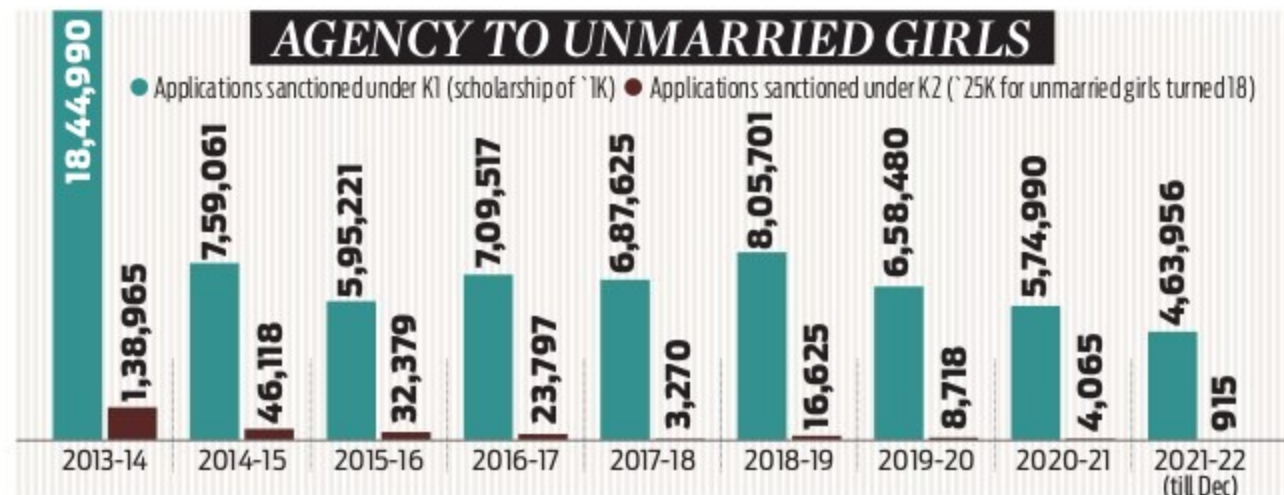
sy had asked them to stop the movement of students as the guidelines for crossing the border had not come yet. The students have been asked to wait till further orders.

These contractors coordinate with Indian students and colleges during the admissions and helped them find a suitable college and accommodation. They are now coordinating with the Indian embassy and Polish embassy.

According to Vikram, a student of Lviv National Medical

University, he was all set to leave for the border but did not as official asked them not to. "Today an official from the Indian Embassy reached Lviv who asked the students to not go to the border because of 'uncertainties'," he adds.

A batch of around 50 students from Odessa have hired a bus and are heading towards the Romanian border. "We have spent ₹4 lakh and are now going to Siret on Romanian border," said Kuldeep, an MBBS student in Odessa.



Didi's flagship dole scheme inches towards 75L grantees

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

GAINING international applause and touching one milestone after another from the list of beneficiary initiatives of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, the West Bengal government's Kanyashree scheme has achieved a target of reaching out to its current unique recipients of 75 lakh unmarried girls.

The scheme — which offers financial help in order to prevent early marriage and reduce school dropout rates owing to financial stress — is now benefitting 74,94,918 girls till December, 2021 and the figure is expected to reach 75 lakh shortly. This chief minister's pet

scheme was launched in 2013.

In June 2017, Kanyashree was honoured with the highest public service award by the UN. The scheme was ranked the best among 552 such social sector schemes from across 62 countries that were nominated for the coveted award.

It has two conditional cash benefit components — K1 and K2. K1 is an annual scholarship of ₹1,000 to the girls from 13 to 18 years age group that they remain in education provided that they are unmarried. K2 is a one-time grant of ₹25,000 to be paid when unmarried girls turn 18, provided that they are engaged in any academic or occupational pursuit.

For Rita Naskar, daughter of

a van rickshaw puller in North 24 Parganas, the scheme proved a messiah on account of her dream of graduating college.

"I completed class XII exam with more than 60 per cent marks but my academic journey was about to come to a halt because of financial stress. The one time grant I received of ₹25,000 under the scheme has helped me pursue a nursing course under vocational training and aspires of setting up my own unit," she said.

Chaya Sardar from the backward Jangalmahal said, "The annual grant of ₹1,000 allows me to afford bus fare since the bicycle I have been given under the state's Sabuj Sathi scheme needs repairing," she said.

Varavara Rao's bail extended till March 3

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Bombay High Court on Saturday extended the temporary bail granted to Elgar Parishad case accused Varavara Rao till March 3.

A bench of Justices S B Shukre and A B Borkar were hearing the plea filed by the Telugu poet seeking extension of the temporary bail granted to him in February 2020 and leave to shift to Hyderabad till the pendency of the trial in the 2018 case. Rao's plea has been posted for hearing on March 1 when it will be finally heard.

Co-accused professor Anand Teltumbde also mentioned his plea challenging bail rejection order and provisions of UAPA. This plea has been posted for hearing on March 2.

A bench headed by Justice S S Shinde, which was to hear the petitions, had recused himself from hearing the case. The bench had pronounced two major orders in the case granting bail to two accused — Rao and lawyer and activist Sudha Bharadwaj. However, with the change of assignment the case came up to another bench led by Justice Nitin Jamdar, followed by Justice PB Varale



CJI N V Ramana during the inauguration of a cricket tournament of the Supreme Court Bar Association in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

CJI rues lack of judicial infra, stresses need to fill vacancies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

Basic minimum standards of judicial infrastructure is not being met in the country, and it needs improvement, Chief Justice of India (CJI) N V Ramana has said.

Speaking as the chief guest at the National Seminar on Adjudication of IPR Disputes in India' in New Delhi organised by the Delhi High Court and attended by many judges from across the country and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, who said India is at a stage where growth and focus on de-

velopment has got to be strengthened from every side and intellectual property rights play an important role in it.

The CJI also stressed the need of not only filling the existing vacancies but also raising the number of judges in high courts to efficiently deal with intellectual property litigations. "It has been my endeavour since assuming office, to put in place an institutional mechanism to coordinate and oversee the improvement of judicial infrastructure," the CJI said.

With PTI inputs

No hike in rewards to police forces

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Union finance ministry has dropped a long pending proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) — increasing monetary rewards for central and state police personnel awarded with gallantry medals — due to 'unprecedented financial stress', officials say.

According to sources in MHA, the finance ministry in an official communication to

the MHA has said that this proposal will not be implemented till 'fiscal normalcy' is achieved and that it may take a few years for fiscal normalcy to return.

According to the home affairs ministry, the proposal was about enhancing the monetary allowance from the current ₹2,000 per month to ₹4,000 to gallantry medal awardees.

"MHA may kindly refer to their note seeking concurrence of this Department on their

proposal regarding enhancement of monetary allowance from existing ₹2,000 per month to ₹4,000 per month attached with Police Medal for Gallantry and Each Bar to PMG," read the Union finance ministry's letter to MHA.

Stating that the Centre is facing unprecedented financial stress due to pandemic, the finance ministry said it will take a few years for fiscal normalcy to return.

Jain seer foresees Scindia as future CM of MP

Muni Vihar Sagar Maharaj, a Jain seer, forecast this past week that union civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia will become Madhya Pradesh CM in the future, triggering political speculations in the central Indian state. Scindia, who is on tour at his home state, attended many public events on February 22 and 23, including attending a Jain community event at Panchkalyan Mahotsava in Damoh district, where the Jain seer foresaw him as future CM. The opposition Congress was quick to react over the development, as party's state spokesperson Narendra Saluja questioned, "Does this mean present CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan is about to be ousted from the top post?"



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BHOPAL DIARY

App from AYUSH dept gets SKOCH Silver Award

AyushQure, a telemedicine app introduced by the state government's Department of AYUSH, has been awarded the SKOCH Silver Award. The app developed under the Vaidya Apke Dwar Yojana has been appreciated by subject experts and management experts at various stages of the competition. Through this, citizens can get consultation from AYUSH doctors from the comfort of their home. In this, the facility of sending reports and getting treatment related guidelines has also been made available through the app itself. AyushQure App has been downloaded by more than 38,000 users so far. Eighty eight per cent of those who booked on the app have received medical advice.



Kundalpur now 'holy area', liquor & meat banned

The Kundalpur town in Damoh district has been declared as holy area, where meat and liquor will be totally banned. The announcement was made by CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Monday, after he visited the ongoing Kundalpur Panchkalyan Mahotsava of the Jain community. He apprised the Jain seer Vidyasagar Maharaj, about the plans to turn the Kundalpur hills green and state's government's decision to impart medical and engineering education in Hindi language from this year itself. Besides, the Bandakpur town, also in Damoh district, has been declared as holy area.

Steady decline in cases prompts lifting of curfew

Night curfew imposed in December 2021 in the wake of the Omicron variant-led third wave of COVID-19 was lifted totally from Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday midnight. The decision to lift the night curfew was taken after a Covid review meeting chaired by chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. The move came 11 days after the CM had ordered lifting all Covid control related restrictions from the state. There has been a steady decline in COVID-19 cases in the state since the last few weeks. On Tuesday, 521 fresh cases at 1.2 per cent positivity rate, two deaths and 1,244 recovered cases were reported in the state, taking the total active cases down to 6,172.



1,15,000 people have crossed the border into Poland from Ukraine since Russia's invasion started this week, say officials



Beijing	15	0	SNY	Los Angeles	24	10	LC
Colombo	32	23	SNY	Melbourne	26	18	LC
Dhaka	31	20	SNY	Moscow	0	-6	LC
Dubai	30	20	LC	New York	9	-4	SNY
Houston	17	1	LC	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	11	6	LR	Toronto	1	-13	LC
London	10	5	SNY	Washington	13	-1	LC

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow
TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

As Russian rampage continues, civilian families hold on to each other in bomb shelters, sleeping on beds made of cardboard boxes & camping mats

In capital Kyiv, city authorities blame Russian "sabotage groups" for the attacks overnight, say Moscow's regular forces are fighting to break in

Ukrainian soldiers clear debris as burnt-out wreckage of military trucks & equipment smoulder in middle of grand Soviet-era Victory Avenue

UKRAINIANS HUDDLE IN CELLARS AS WAR RAGES

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This Hitler is trying to seize power. We are not afraid! If you knew how many young people have already stood up and taken their machine guns! I am 68 years old, but I will take any gun tomorrow & will shoot

Anatoly Shayduk, Ukrainian

'Ukraine prolonging conflict'

Moscow: The Kremlin on Saturday accused Ukraine of prolonging the military conflict by refusing to negotiate as Russia pressed on with its invasion of the pro-Western country. "In connection with the expected negotiations, the Russian president yesterday afternoon ordered the suspension of the advance of the main forces of the Russian Federation," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters during a conference call.

Netherlands, Norway move embassies

The Hague: The Netherlands and Norway said on Saturday they were moving their embassies in Ukraine to Poland after Russia's invasion of the country. "Ambassador Jennes de Mol and his team will immediately move to Jaroslau," the Dutch foreign ministry said in a statement. Norway said its embassy in Kyiv will operate until further notice from Warsaw.

KYIV

As a street battle with invading Russian forces raged overhead, Kyiv resident Yulia Snitko spent the night cowering in the basement of her apartment block praying for her unborn baby. Eight months pregnant and with her bulging belly showing through her clothes, she was terrified that each blast or volley of gunfire from an attack on a nearby military facility could send her into labour.

"I'm trying to stay as calm as possible to not cause a premature birth," the 32-year-old said on Saturday morning in the Soviet-era bomb shelter. "At night it was more than one hour of huge explosions, it was very stressful. When I realised what was happening, I was trembling, totally shaking for five minutes."

Around her, families huddled together on the cardboard boxes and camping mats they were using as makeshift beds.

On the streets above it was a bright sunny day, but only a handful of civilians were brave enough to queue for emergency food supplies, as Kyiv has been transformed within days into a war zone. Tanks manoeuvred along the streets as the city, home to three million people, braced for an all-out assault by Russian forces pushing towards it.

The burnt-out wreckage of a Ukrainian military truck still smouldered in the middle of the grand Soviet-era Victory Avenue and soldiers cleared away debris. Nearby, a Ukrainian soldier commanded an elderly volunteer as he hastily dug a trench in preparation for fresh attacks. Several servicemen said Russian forces a few kilometres away had been firing barrages of rockets indiscriminately from their feared Grad systems.

The sounds of explosions rumbled in the distance. Suddenly the wail of an air raid siren sounded and the civilians on the street sprinted for the nearest shelter.

City authorities blamed Russian "sabotage groups" for the attacks in the city overnight and said Moscow's regular forces were fighting to break in. Missiles pounded multiple locations around the capital. One rocket blasted a gaping hole across several floors of an apartment block not far from the city centre sending rubble spewing onto the street below.

Teacher Irina Butyak, 38, has spent two days in the basement of her apartment block sheltering together with some 20 people. As air raid sirens blared directly overhead, some tried to sleep on mattresses on the ground, some sat on stools chatting. "We have train tickets for western Ukraine for tomorrow. I don't think we will make the train," she said. **AP**



Mikhaïlo, 5 years, holds a puppet as he waits in an underground shelter during bombing alert in the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv on Saturday | **AFP**



Defiant Zelenskyy vows 'I'm here' on video

KYIV

AFTER Ukrainian forces said they had repulsed a Russian attack on their capital Saturday, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy shot a selfie-style video to vow to stay and fight on.

"I am here. We will not lay down any weapons. We will defend our state, because our weapons are our truth," he declared, denouncing as disinformation claims that he had surrendered or fled.



A lot of fake information has appeared on the internet saying that I allegedly called on our army to lay down

its arms and that evacuation is underway," Zelenskyy said outside his office.

Wearing olive green military-style clothing and looking tired but determined, he declared: "Our truth is that this is our land, our country, our children and we will protect all of this. This is what I wanted to tell you. Glory to Ukraine!" **AFP**

Germany to limit Russia's SWIFT access

KYIV

GERMANY said on Saturday it was working to exclude Russia from the SWIFT banking system as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy again asked European nations to sever Moscow from the important financial mechanism.

SWIFT's messaging system allows banks to communicate rapidly and securely about transactions, and cutting Russia off would cripple its trade with most of the world.

Germany had been more cautious about excluding Russia from SWIFT. Russian gas makes up a higher share of its energy supplies than other European countries.

But Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and Economy Minister Robert Habeck said they were working "urgently on limiting the collateral damage from an exclusion from SWIFT so that (the measure) hits the right people". **AFP**

Russian official issues stark threats to the West

Moscow: Russia may respond to Western sanctions by opting out of the last nuclear arms deal with the United States, cutting diplomatic ties with Western nations and freezing their assets, a senior Russian official warned during a press conference on Saturday as Russia's ties with the West dived to new lows over its invasion of Ukraine earlier this week. Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy head of Russia's Security Council chaired by President Vladimir Putin, also warned the world that Moscow could restore the death penalty after it was removed from Europe's top rights group. **AP**

WORLD RALLIES IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE



NATO's 'historic' deployment to defend E. Europe

BRUSSELS

THE NATO alliance is deploying its rapid response force for the first time ever to bolster its eastern flank in the face of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The 40,000-troop strong NATO Response Force is designed to be ready 365 days-a-year to respond within two or three days when a security crisis emerges.

All 30 members of NATO must agree to activate the force, which they did on Thursday, though it will not be deployed

to Ukraine, which is not a member of the alliance. Member states contribute forces annually on a rotating basis, with overall command held by the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, currently US General Tod D. Wolters. Wolters called the force's activation a "historic moment".

Created in 2002 to accelerate NATO's response capability, the force consists of land, air, sea and special operation forces and is intended to respond to a wide gamut of challenges, in-

cluding disaster relief and evacuations. In addition to exercises, the Response Force has so far carried out security missions, such as to the Olympic Games in Athens in 2004, and contributed to disaster relief, including after Hurricane Katrina in the United States and a devastating earthquake in Pakistan.

In August 2021, elements of the force also supported the evacuation and relocation of Afghans who worked alongside NATO and their families.

In 2014, in the wake of Russia's annexation of Crimea and conflicts in the Middle East, a special "spearhead" force was attached to the detachment and is considered NATO's highest-readiness element.

Known as the Very High Readiness Joint Task Force, leadership of these 20,000 strong forces rotates annually and is currently held by France, to be followed by Germany in 2023. It's main brigade of about 5,000 troops now consists of a joint Franco-German unit based in Lille, France. **AFP**

Russia bans 'invasion' and 'assault' in media

Moscow: Russia's communications regulator on Saturday ordered independent media to remove reports describing Moscow's attack on Ukraine as an "assault, invasion, or declaration of war" or face being blocked and fined. As Russian forces moved into Kyiv, Moscow's defence ministry also said that Russian media should stick to the official version of the events unfolding in Ukraine.

China wary, but still Russia's best hope to blunt Western sanctions

BEIJING

CHINA is the only friend that might help Russia blunt the impact of economic sanctions over its invasion of Ukraine, but President Xi Jinping's government is giving no sign it might be willing to risk its own access to US and European markets by doing too much.

Even if Beijing wanted to, its ability to support President Vladimir Putin by importing more Russian gas and other goods is limited.

Relations with Moscow have warmed since Xi took power in 2012, motivated by shared resentment of Washington, but their interests can conflict. While their militaries hold joint exercises, Putin is uneasy about the growing Chinese economic presence in Central Asia and Russia's Far East.

"China-Russia relations are at the highest level in history, but the two countries are not an alliance," said Li Xin, an international relations expert at

the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law.

In response to the invasion, Washington, Britain, the 27-nation European Union and other Western allies have announced or promised sanctions against Russian banks, officials, business leaders and companies, as well as export controls aimed at starving Russia's industries and military of high-tech products.

Xi's government might support Putin within those limits — and Chinese companies

might use the situation to pursue better deals — but will balk at openly violating sanctions and being targeted for penalties, experts said. "China doesn't want to get so involved that it ends up suffering as a result of its support for Russia," said Mark Williams, chief Asia economist for Capital Economics.

Chinese trade with Russia rose to \$146.9 billion last year, but that is less than one-tenth of China's total \$1.6 trillion in trade with the United States and European Union.

China, the world's second-largest economy, is the only major government not to have condemned the invasion.

"The degree of Chinese support Russia receives is likely to prove a crucial factor in how well it can weather the long-term consequences," wrote Kevin Rudd, a former Australian prime minister and president of the Asia Society, on the Asia Society website on Saturday. **AP**



This war will last, warns France's Macron

PARIS

THE world must brace for a long war between Russia and Ukraine after Moscow launched an invasion of its pro-Western neighbour, French President Emmanuel Macron warned on Saturday.

"I can tell you one thing this morning it is that this war will last," Macron's told

France's annual agriculture fair. "This crisis will last, this war will last and all the crises that come with it will have lasting consequences," he added, warning: "We must be prepared".

CC War has returned to Europe, this was chosen unilaterally by Putin, with a tragic humanitarian situation, a people who are resisting and a Europe that is there and resisting by the side of the Ukrainian people

Emmanuel Macron, President of France



\$632.952 billion

The country's total foreign exchange reserves after increasing by \$2.762 billion during the week ended February 18, according to the RBI data

Green hydrogen policy & way ahead

Experts say, policy push will cut generation cost down to viable levels, but incentives for manufacturing of electrolyser and blending norms will be key to promote commercial use

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi, in his Independence Day speech last year, aggressively pitched for green energy and announced the National Hydrogen Mission. The aim of the mission is to help the country achieve its target of producing 5 million tonnes of "green hydrogen" by 2030 and the related development of renewable energy capacity. This led to hectic efforts to achieve the target. Subsequently, the Union power ministry introduced the green hydrogen and ammonia policy on February 17, 2022.

Hydrogen and ammonia are considered as future fuels and ideal substances to replace fossil fuels. Since production of these fuels is highly energy consuming, using power from renewable energy to produce green hydrogen and green ammonia is one of the major requirements towards environmentally sustainable energy security of the nation.

The government, therefore, is taking various measures to facilitate the transition from fossil fuel to green hydrogen / green ammonia.

What does the policy say?

The green hydrogen and ammonia policy notified by the government has a lot to do with promoting renewable energy in the country. As per the policy, the green hydrogen / ammonia manufacturers may purchase renewable power from the power exchange or set up renewable energy capacity themselves or through any other developer, anywhere. Also, the policy grants open access to procure electricity within 15 days of application. The manufacturer can bank his renewable power till 30 days with distribution companies and take it back when required. "The policy promotes renewable energy (RE) generation as RE will be the basic ingredient in making green

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hydrogen. This in turn will help in meeting the international commitments for clean energy," said the power ministry.

Distribution licencees can procure and supply renewable energy to the manufacturers of green hydrogen / green ammonia in their states at concessional prices, which will only include the cost of procurement, wheeling charges and a small margin as determined by the state commission.

The government, in its policy, also mentioned that the manufacturers of green hydrogen / ammonia and the renewable energy plant shall be given connectivity to the grid on priority basis to avoid any procedural delays. It will waive inter-state transmission charges for 25 years to manufacturers of green hydrogen and green ammonia for the projects commissioned before June 30, 2025.

The benefit of Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) will be granted incentive to the hydrogen/ammonia manufacturer and the distribution licensee for consumption of renewable power. The government has set up a single portal for carrying out all the activities. Connectivity, at the generation end and the green hydrogen / green ammonia manufacturing end, to

the ISTS for renewable energy capacity set up for the purpose of manufacturing green hydrogen / green ammonia shall be granted on priority. Last but not least, the manufacturers of green hydrogen / green ammonia shall be allowed to set up bunkers near ports for storage of green ammonia for export / use by shipping. The land for the storage for this purpose shall be provided by the respective port authorities at a fee.

Views from experts

According to energy experts, the National Hydrogen Mission is a clear commitment from the government of India towards a greener future for our generations to come. They are hopeful that India will achieve its target of 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030.

"Specific policy push through it to bring generation cost down to viable levels will make hydrogen competitive and scalable. This will make it attractive for use not just in commercial and industrial areas, but potentially also in the critical transportation sector across the country within the next few years as fuel cell technology matures further, especially for trucks, which account for more than 40% of total transporta-

tion fuels consumed today," said Gaurav Moda, India Energy Leader, EY.

Hemant Mallaya, Senior Programme Lead, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), said the policy will benefit all states, where renewable energy has to be wheeled in from other states.

"CEEW analysis indicates that the cost of green hydrogen production could drop by 17% in a state such as Uttar Pradesh (UP) due to the waiving of the central transmission charges when the power is wheeled in from outside the state. This policy will benefit all states where renewable energy has to be wheeled in from other states," said Mallaya.

Manoj K Upadhyay, Founder and Chairman of ACME Group, opined that the policy is the first concrete step in the direction of creating a favourable regulatory and enabling environment for the green hydrogen and ammonia sector in India. He believes that with this policy, the government has tried to address some of the key demands of the industry in terms of open access, grid banking and faster approvals for green hydrogen and ammonia projects. "We specifically welcome the provisions to set up bunkers near ports for the export of green ammonia," said Upadhyay.

Despite the initial euphoria, some experts remain wary.

"The policy on waiver of inter-state transmission charges was only an enabling policy, not the main Hydrogen Mission Policy that is expected to be released in the coming weeks, says Hemant Mallaya of CEEW. India has publicly stated that there will be two key aspects to the mission document—a production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for electrolyser manufacturing and blending norms for green hydrogen—both of which, Mallaya says, is missing from the current policy.

GURBIR SINGH

US intelligence had warned Russia was poised for a full-scale invasion of the Ukraine; but when it did come there was a sense of horror and disbelief. Many had thought we were past the era of real armies and tanks crossing borders physically, violating the sovereignty of other nation-states. Most saw this as another round of sabre-rattling by Vladimir Putin for greater geo-political attention.

Now it has happened, where is the Kremlin headed? It's not the skirmish of the earlier Crimean-type annexation. It's full-scale war against an ill-prepared Ukraine. Russian troops have crossed the borders, and are sweeping towards Kyiv from 3 directions. The obvious intent is to crush Ukraine militarily, eject the current pro-NATO government headed by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and then install a Moscow-friendly regime.

Vladimir Putin has probably planned this as a quick blitzkrieg. Regime change, and then withdrawal of ground troops to the old borders. But in war, things can go awry. You can choose when to start it, but you may not be able to get out when you want to. Putin's rambling and threatening speeches have talked of 'protecting Russian minorities' and 'de-nazification', but it is Russian Imperialism pure and simple. The Kremlin does not believe that Ukraine, or for that matter all the other ex-Soviet states that broke free, have a right to exist independently. As allies of NATO, it's worse.

It's confusing but Putin's objectives are two-fold: One, to ensure Russia's hegemony in Eastern Europe and to keep the NATO at bay; and, two, to force the West to accept Russia not as a regional satrap but as an international super power on the negotiating table. Putin's brazenness has been helped along with the assurance that the US and its allies will limit themselves to economic sanctions, and have no stomach for military confrontation after Afghanistan and Iraq.

Economic disaster

The impact of Russia's war will depend on how long it lasts. For a world just emerging from the freeze of the pandemic, slowing growth and rising energy and food prices will be the immediate cost. Crude oil has pierced \$100 a barrel and is headed for the \$110-\$120 range in the next few days. Russia's is the world's 2nd largest producer and a cap on Russian oil will create a big shortage.

Europe will be the worst impacted and will have to hunt for alternative sources as it gets nearly 40% of its natural gas and 25% of its oil from Russia. Again, Russia, along with Ukraine, supplies

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WHO WILL STOP THE RUSSIAN JUGGERNAUT?

Russia's plan

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SOURAV P SINGHA

the rest of Europe with as much as 40% of its wheat supplies. If the 'bread basket of Europe' is ravaged by war, one can expect food prices to spike. Beyond wheat and oil, shortage of supplies of nickel and aluminum will hit manufacturing chains the world over.

Rising oil prices will also hit India hard. We import over 80% of our demand; and petroleum and oil products makes up as much as 25% of our import basket. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has admitted there will be a big negative impact. Her latest Union budget estimates are based on an assumption of \$70-75 for a barrel of crude. With oil shooting to \$110, the current account deficit is likely to balloon by an additional \$15 billion, or about 0.4% of GDP. This will push up inflation big time.

Ukraine is on its own

From the latest on the war front, it is clear Russian troops are already knocking on the doors of Kyiv, and Joe Biden's 'sanctions' are having little effect. On the ground, Ukraine is fighting alone. President Zelenskyy voiced his frustration with NATO saying: "We have been left alone to defend our state. Who is ready to fight alongside us? I don't see anyone." Even the potentially most

damaging piece in the sanctions game - the cutting off of Russia from the international payment system called 'Swift' which would restrict Russian banks to access foreign currency — has been shelved for now.

Whether the EU and the United States will move beyond condemnations and decorative 'sanctions', and whether Ukraine has the will to fight a long-term battle for survival are important elements of the future. What is clear now is Russian Imperialism has emerged as a significant threat. In fact, President Xi Jinping of China might learn from Putin how to do a quick and unilateral 'unification' of Taiwan.

In this fast-changing geopolitics, the old superpowers seem to be outmaneuvered. Neither are they up to the task of stopping the Russian juggernaut. Andn they? The US has its own long and dirty history of foreign intervention — most recently in Iraq where it entered to find Sadaam Hussain's non-existent Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs).

Ukraine will finally have to fight its own battle, but it can learn from Afghanistan. The Russians have forgotten before the US was kicked out of Afghanistan, it was the Russians who met their Waterloo there.

Business & Beyond



Goa Shipyard commences vessel project for Coast

Goa Shipyard Ltd commenced the physical construction of the two pollution control vessel project for the Coast Guard. IG S Paramesh, PTM, TM Commander Coast Guard Region (W) presided over the ceremony in the presence of CMD GSL Cmde B B Nagpal, IN (Retd) and other senior dignitaries from the GSL and Indian Coast Guard.

LIC of India modifies its policies

LIC of India has revised annuity rates in respect of its annuity plans LIC's Jeevan Akshay VII (Plan 857) and LIC's New Jeevan Shanti (Plan 858) with effect from 1st February 2022. The modified version of these with revised annuity rates shall be available for sale from 1st February 2022. The annuity amount under annuity options of New Jeevan Shanti can be calculated through calculator provided in LIC's website as well as through various LIC apps.



Indian Bank organises account opening campaign

Indian Bank Tirunelveli Junction branch has arranged SB account opening campaign at FX Engineering College, Tirunelveli for enrolling new customers through TAB - Banking which was recently introduced by Indian Bank. Under the new scheme, SB accounts are opened at customers' doorsteps with only Aadhaar number.

Reliance takes control of 200 Future Retail stores

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

RELIANCE Industries has taken over the operations of 200 stores from Future Retail (FRL), after the company failed to meet the lease rental obligations on the stores to the landlords, sources have said.

The oil-to-telecom conglomerate reportedly transferred the leases of some of these stores to Reliance Retail Ventures, which, in turn, has sublet them to FRL to operate. Employees of the cash-strapped Future Retail's Big Bazaar stores have received offers from Reliance Retail, which is also reportedly rebranding some of the stores.

The development comes amid a legal battle between FRL and its partner Amazon, which has opposed a ₹24,713-crore deal between FRL and RIL, on the ground that it allegedly breach-

es certain contractual agreements between the two. A Singapore arbitrator has ruled in favour of Amazon, which drove FRL to move the Indian courts against the same.

For FRL, the deal with RIL will reportedly enable it to meet its debt obligations to banks, which have classified FRL's account as an NPA and asked it to submit a viable resolution plan.

A consortium of 27 lenders had earlier this month proposed in the Supreme Court that RIL and Amazon openly bid for FRL above the reserve price of ₹17,000 crore, which is what was owed to them. The higher of the two bids should win the FRL assets.

The inventory at the 200 stores has been provided by Reliance Jiomart, after FRL has failed to pay its existing suppliers. (With inputs from PTI)

Audi eyes 15% of sales from EVs by '25

PAVAN LALL

BALBIR Singh Dhillon, Head of Audi India, speaks about the company's electric vehicle and used car strategy in India in an interview with *TNIE*.

You recently opened a used Audi store - what's the outlook for that part of the business in luxury cars?

Audi India's pre-owned car business has consistently grown and continues to be an important part of our overall business strategy. We believe it is going to be one of the major growth drivers for us in the future as we have a clear focus on selling every car twice. We are currently expanding our Audi Approved: plus showroom network with a series of inaugurations. We started 2021 with seven Audi Approved: plus facilities and currently stand

at fourteen, including recently inaugurated facilities in Ahmedabad, Nashik, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Ludhiana, Surat and Mumbai (South). We will further expand Audi Approved: plus facilities beyond 20 this year.

Q7 has just been launched, and in a world where electric and carbon footprints are the buzz, will you have a similar electric version out soon?

We recently launched Audi Q7 as a petrol-only variant with mild-hybrid technology in the country and we are aligned with Audi's focus to shift towards electrification by 2033. In 2021, we launched five electric cars under the e-tron brand between July - August 2021. Not only did we launch these cars



but also created an ecosystem for our customers.

How do you foresee the luxury car market sales-wise this year?

The luxury car market is showing encouraging signs and we believe that pace will pick-up in the months ahead. It is important to note that the luxury segment has remained less than 2% of the overall passen-

ger vehicle vertical and has great potential for growth provided we have a stable policy regime and reasonable duties / tax structure.

Your EV strategy seems to be pretty aggressive. How many you have in the line-up and what percent is that of your line-up?

We are a brand with the widest EV range on offer in India - our Audi e-tron 50, Audi e-tron 55, Audi e-tron Sportback 55, Audi e-tron GT and Audi RS e-tron GT have received a fantastic response with the first batch of cars being sold ours within days. We have a strong order bank for 2022 and this reiterates the strong demand for EV's in India. As a brand, we are targeting 15% of our sales to come from EV's by 2025. Our goal is to move towards complete electrification by 2033.

Vedantu to buy Screwvula-backed Lido Learning

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

ONLINE tutoring platform Vedantu is likely to acquire Ronnie Screwvula-backed edtech start-up Lido Learning, which was on the verge of shutting down due to lack of funds.

Sources confirmed that the second largest edtech company will buy Lido and the deal is likely to be closed in the coming weeks. However, Vedantu could not be reached for a comment.

Lido has been facing severe financial constraints, as it could not pay salaries to 700 employees since January. A Lido employee said apart from 700 people, the company needs to pay salaries to many teachers and some contract employees too.

A source confirmed that Lido Learning has to pay salaries amounting to ₹9 crore.

FIT-AGAIN TOOR READY TO ROAR

Post surgery and rehab, Asian Games gold-medallist begins big season with domestic meet in Patiala

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

NEW season, new hope. With a loaded year (Commonwealth, Asian Games and the World Championships before the beginning of October), the first tournament of the season would throw up opportunities to assess and build upon their success and even on failure. As throwers from all over the country converge on Patiala, for Tajinder Pal Singh Toor, this would be one heck of a year.

Last year, the ending was cruel. Despite throwing the iron to a new national record (21.49m) before the Olympics, he managed only one legal throw of 19.99m in Tokyo. The 27-year-old shot-putter had to undergo surgery on his throwing arm followed by rehab. In between, he found time to get married and joined the national camp in Patiala in mid-November. That

gave him enough time to reconfigure and reboot. He would be hoping to pick up the pieces and build towards the three mega events later this year. The National Throws Championships on Sunday would offer him that chance to throw and assess.

Tajinder's coach, Mohinder Singh Dhillon, is taking this event as a build-up. It's the first event of the season and he would be happy if his ward crosses 20m. Though Tajinder started training from November, it was not until late December that he started increasing his load. "From January, we have increased load and now we have reached the max," said Dhillon. "His wrist is fine and we are expecting somewhere in the range of 20.30-20.40m on Sunday. As this season progresses, he should be crossing the 21m mark and touching 21.40-21.50m."



Since it's a season with Worlds slated in July before the CWG, Dhillon said they are planning to take all events step by step. "Asian Games we should be defending the gold," he said.

"Commonwealth Games would be a big challenge and we feel winning a medal is possible. That's why it would be a challenge for us. There are good throwers in CWG but I think we should be among the top four but so if we can manage a good throw on that particular day, a medal is definitely possible." Olympic bronze medallist New

Zealand's Tomas Walsh, with a personal best of 21.90m, has already thrown 21.26m this season. His teammate Jacko Gill qualified with a throw of 21.55 last year and yet to throw this season. Chukwuebuka Enekwechi of Nigeria has a personal best of 21.80m and qualified with a throw of 21.43m last year.

The Worlds in Oregon is in their mind too. Tajinder had qualified last June with a throw of 21.20m. His coach however did not want to just make the numbers. "We have to do well during the build-up and must show promise before going to the Worlds," he said. "We have to show that we are good enough to participate in Worlds so our performance needs to be good." The throws nationals will be followed by Indian Grand Prix 1 and 2 and the Federation Cup, and for Tajinder the focus would

be in domestic events. As for training and competition abroad, Dhillon said that would be decided later. Their choice of destination is the US around April-May. All depends on Athletics Federation of India though.

As of now, Dhillon is happy with Tajinder's progress. "Let's hope for the best," he said.

The first Throws Nationals will see 67 athletes, including 29 women, compete. Besides Tajinder, all eyes would be on veteran discus thrower Seem Antil. Javelin throw would get that tinge bit of more attention after Tokyo 2020 gold medallist Neeraj Chopra last year. Since he is not competing, the next lot of javelin throwers like Sahil Silwal, Abhishek Singh and Rohit Yadav would be in focus. The AFI has introduced the throws and competitions to the calendar this year.

INDIAN MEN AND WOMEN START PRO LEAGUE WITH WINS

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IN both Pro League games on Saturday, the visitors took the lead. In both games, the hosts showed considerable guts and a heart to comeback and take home the points.

If the women's match — a 2-1 win with the winner with eight minutes to go — was a fine entree, the men's pulse-pounding 5-4 win was the perfect way to finish of the night.

Coach Graham Reid and his side have faced some recent heat, most of it unjustified, following some of their performances post Tokyo. That noise was in danger of growing further with less than two quarters to go. The visitors, thanks a hat-trick from skipper Marc Miralles, were three goals to the good. The hosts also found the dribbling skills of Enrique Gonzalez too hot to handle and he repeatedly exposed their defensive frailties in the first half.

Even though Spain carried a visible threat on the counter, India are always a dangerous side just because of the volume of the chances they create. That was what ultimately made the difference after going down 1-4. They created enough chances to win the game multiple times over — they registered 34 circle penetrations to Spain's 16 — but had to wait till the clock said 'eight seconds remaining' for the winner.

An overeager Spain defender tackled from behind and the referee had no hesitation in awarding a stroke. And Harmanpreet Singh, one of the best from deadball situations in this team, stepped up and slammed the ball into the net. It was Harmanpreet who had levelled the match for India after Spain had taken a 1-1 lead. That's when the hosts lost control and allowed the visitors to dictate tempo. However, they got a foothold and made the visitors pay.

That's exactly what the women's team did, too. The Spain's women's outfit, who had won bronze at the 2018 World Cup, ran the show in the first two quarters. Even though they opened the scoring in the second quarter, they squandered multiple chances to open their account before that. Even if India restored parity in the 20th minute, Spain were controlling the game and could have taken the lead again. However, they failed and India, who were more in control in the second half, found the winner via Neha.

Results: Men: India 5-4 Spain; Women: India 2-1 Spain.



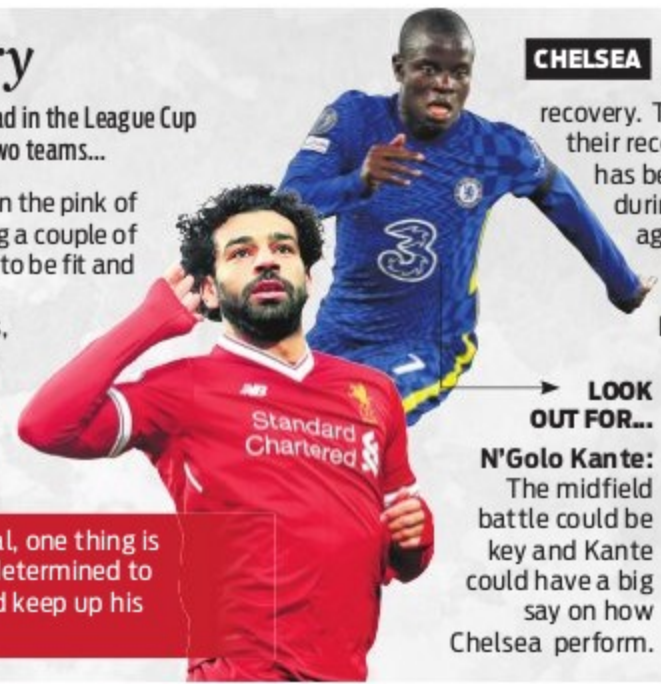
After an outstanding display on the day, India captain Savita was adjudged the player of the match

Battle for Cup glory

Chelsea and Liverpool will come head-to-head in the League Cup final at Wembley on Sunday. A look at the two teams...

LIVERPOOL Jurgen Klopp's side are in the pink of health right now. Barring a couple of injury worries, most of the players seem to be fit and playing with style. The Reds are chasing silverware in all four major competitions, Sunday's final being one of them, after closing the gap on Premier League leaders Manchester City to three points. A win against Chelsea could act as a perfect springboard for bigger success.

LOOK OUT FOR... Mo Salah: Final or no final, one thing is for certain. Salah will be determined to get on the scoresheet and keep up his golden run.



CHELSEA

After a solid start to a season, Chelsea hit a rough patch and are now on the road to recovery. They have not quite been able to unlock their record signing Romelu Lukaku's strengths. That has been such a concern that Lukaku was dropped during the midweek Champions League win against Lille. The Belgian could start from the bench against Liverpool. They'll be relying on their defence to negate the threat that Liverpool possess and nick a goal on counter.

LOOK OUT FOR...

N'Golo Kante:

The midfield battle could be key and Kante could have a big say on how Chelsea perform.

JAMES IN CONTENTION

Thomas Tuchel could start England right-back Reece James, who has been sidelined since December with a hamstring injury, and is debating whether Edouard Mendy or Kepa Arrizabalaga will feature in goal.

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Ruhaan seals Novice Cup title

ASHIM SUNAM @Coimbatore

MOTORSPORTS is a growing industry in India with youngsters keen to make an impression in various competitions. However, even if your family has deep pockets and are willing to spend — it is an expensive sport — one cannot buy the grind and tough competition that exists before you gradually reach at the higher levels to compete against quality racers.

Likewise, Ruhaan Alva has come through decent grind, and is making a good name for himself at the single seater circuit. After delivering at go karting from a young age, he is making all the right noises now too. The 16-year-old also managed to clinch the Novice Cup in the JK Tyre-FMCI National Racing Championship Grand Finale on Saturday. In fact, such was his dominance that the boy from Bengaluru, who finished first on his only race of the day, sealed the title well before the last day (Sunday) of the championship. He currently has 90 points.

In fact, the Novice Cup is a competition which provides opportunities for racers to showcase their skill and grab attention. "It (Novice Cup) is a stepping stone to the ultimate formula one (dream). Also, it is primarily to encourage age newcomers into the

sport," said Hari Singh, who is the head of operations, JK Tyre Motorsport. "We have training programmes, starting with go karting with kids of eight years of age, junior, senior.... So you start your career with the go kart. That is where you learn and gain experiences; you also build the driving skills. That is the basics. Then you move up."

With this championship, Ruhan, who is now ineligible for the Novice Cup, can feature in the next edition of the championship in the LGB Formula 4, which is a higher category. It is going to be an important test for him, and the racer is expected to perform well. The only major difference in the two categories being the chassis in the LGB Formula 4 is well designed and heavier.

"This competition (Novice Cup) is definitely a good step to formula cars from karting. There are a lot of things to learn and good exposure too. The ultimate goal will always be F1, but yes next year, hoping for LGB Formula 4. We have already spoken to the team and they are happy with it," said Ruhan.

In the LGB 4 category, Amir Syed eventually went on to win the race. Diljith TS came a close second. Though Vishnu Prasad did not finish on the podium, he will be eager to shine on Day 2 and walk a way with the championship.



Ruhaan Alva celebrates after winning Race 1 in Coimbatore on Saturday

EXPRESS READ

Nandini ends with bronze, Nikhat & Nitu enter final

NEW DELHI: Indian boxer Nandini (+81kg) ended with a bronze medal in the 73rd Strandja Memorial Tournament in Sofia, Bulgaria after going down to former world champion Lazart Kungebayeva of Kazakhstan in the semifinals. Nandini lost 0-5 in the bout held late on Friday night. Former youth world champ Nikhat Zareen (52kg) and Nitu (48kg) are the only Indians left in fray after they advanced to the finals of their respective weight categories.

Spurs crush hapless Leeds in Premier League

LEEDS: Tottenham hammered Leeds 4-0 on Saturday to put a smile back on the face of Antonio Conte and plunge Marcelo Bielsa's team deeper into Premier League relegation trouble. The visitors, who had lost four of their previous five league matches, were 3-0 up at half-time after goals from Matt Doherty, new recruit Dejan Kulusevski and Harry Kane.

ISL: BFC look to keep playoff hopes alive

FATORDA: When Bengaluru FC meet ATK Mohun Bagan on Sunday, they have to collect three points to stay alive in Playoffs race. A loss, and their hopes of finishing in final four will come down crashing. At present, they are sixth with 26 points. They have to win their last two matches and hope other results go their way for them to reach the semifinals.

Shreyas helps India bag T20I series

DHARAMSHALA: After Pathum Nissanka (75) and Dasun Shanaka (47 n.o.) took Sri Lanka to a competitive total of 183 for 5 in the second T20I against India at Dharamshala, Shreyas Iyer (74 n.o.), who scored his second consecutive T20I half century, and Ravindra Jadeja (45 n.o.), along with some handy contribution from Sanju Samson (39), who made his T20I debut seven years ago, helped the hosts seal the series with a seven-wicket win on Saturday. The third T20I will be played on Sunday. **Brief scores:** SL 183/5 in 20 ovs (Nissanka 75) lost to India 186/3 in 17.1 ovs (Shreyas 74 n.o.).

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

SIX Jammu & Kashmir wickets is all that stands between Karnataka and a possible Ranji Trophy quarterfinal spot. In a group where this tie was always going to decide the team that advances to knockouts, at the end of Day 3, it is Karnataka who are in total command as J&K, chasing 508 for a win, are 189/4 at the IIT-Chempal ground in Chennai.

There is no threat of rain for Sunday and in Parvez Rasool, there is only one recognised batter waiting to come in. So any other result other than a Karnataka victory on Sunday looks improbable. In fact, from the moment they shut out J&K for 93 in the first innings, the match has been heading only one way.

It looked a defensive move when Manish Pandey did not enforce follow-on, but such are the circumstances. They no longer have a trio of pacers who can run through opposition or keep piling pressure at all times. It is a relatively inexperienced pace attack and with no red-ball cricket in the recent times, and Ronit More's back injury adding to their concerns, they took the easy way out. It ensured Prasidh Krishna too got sufficient rest. "We did con-

SELECT SCORES

Group A: Gujarat 388 & 128/5 in 38.4 ovs vs Kerala 439 in 107.3 ovs (Vishnu 113; Desai 5/132). **Group B:** Bengal 242 & 201 in 79.0 ovs (Shahbaz 51; Varma 3/13) vs Hyderabad 205 & 4/1 in 0.4 ovs. **Group C:** Karnataka 302 & 298/3 d in 71.0 ovs (Karun 72) vs Jammu & Kashmir 93 & 189/4 in 57.5 ovs; Pondicherry 342 in 107.1 ovs (Railways 525/9 in 151.4 ovs (Ghosh 100, Saif 99). **Group D:** Mumbai 163 & 322/7 in 106.0 ovs (Rahane 56) vs Goa 327; Saurashtra 501 vs Odisha 165 & 115/5 55.3 ovs (Shantanu 65; Jadeja 34/8). **Group E:** Andhra 389 & 9/0 in 4 ovs vs Services 343 in 118.4 ovs (Pallavi 49; Ashish 4/91). **Group F:** Vidarbha 569/5 d vs Maharashtra 250/4 in 87.5 ovs (Shaik 103, Bawane 87 (batting)). **Group H:** Tamil Nadu 470/9 d vs Chhattisgarh 261/8 in 114.0 ovs (Harpreet 149; Sai Kishore 4/48); Jharkhand 251 & 288/5 in 76.0 ovs (Nazim 110, Suraj 129 (batting)) vs Delhi 224 in 101.2 ovs.

sider about it (enforcing follow-on), but we couldn't because Prasidh had bowled 12 overs. With Ronit sitting out, there were just two fast bowlers and others were spinners. So considering that, we thought it is better to bat and put a huge target on board and bundle them out," Karnataka bowling coach Sreenath Aravind said.

And after R Samarth and Devdutt Padikkal, first innings centurion Karun Nair and KV Siddharth too cashed in on Saturday scoring 71 (n.o.) and 72 respectively as Karnataka declared at 298/3, setting a target of 508 runs. It sort of went to Karnataka's game plan too. They are one side that relies heavily on pacers to bowl long spells and had they asked J&K to follow-on, it would be too much to ask from Prasidh. The lanky pacer is used to bowling long

spells in the past, but as he admitted at the end of Day 2, it has been more than two years. "We have been practising in the nets by bowling 10 overs which we break into two spells of six and four. But in the match scenario, you can't really put a cap on it. If it comes down to workload, we can always manage it in the nets. Ronit was our trump card and without him, the best option is to keep the other bowlers fresh," Aravind said.

Chasing 508, J&K put a much better display than the first innings. Led by wicketkeeper Fazil Rashid, promoted to No 3, they made a spirited comeback. Rashid was all patient, but was quick to pounce on any loose deliveries. Captain Ian Dev Singh played the perfect support role before taking charge after Rashid's dismissal.

Full story: newindianexpress.com



RANJI TROPHY

Unflustered about recent results, India keen on peaking at World Cup

GOMESH S @Chennai

SIXTEEN matches, 4 wins, 12 losses with a win-loss ratio of 0.33 is not the record any team would want to have in the 12 months leading up to the ODI World Cup. But, that is the kind of year the women's team, led by Mithali Raj, have had since they returned for the first time after the pandemic struck.

However, despite losing all the four series they have played since 2021, Mithali is not too worried about team combinations. And that's telling because, even after every defeat in the recent New Zealand series, the coach and players seemed unflustered, almost as if they knew what was going behind the scenes, with results being inconsequential.

While taking the positives from the bilaterals series, India are not affected by the losses. "In bilaterals, we can get our takeaways, but in the World Cup, we play each and every team. Results are important for



self-confidence, but momentum is key and it is important to peak at the right time in the World Cup," Mithali said on Saturday.

Among the eight teams that are taking part in the World Cup, India have handed debuts to the most number of players in the last year: ten. Although there could be various reasons for it, a few of the debutants have played consistently since and even booked a place in the flight for New Zealand ahead of some of the senior pros. "The talent that we've got in the last year... most of them have shown that they have the ability to play at this level like Richa (Ghosh), Shafali (Verma), we have Megh-

na Singh in the seamers and Pooja Vastrakar. They all have been given good game time and those series have really helped them and me as a captain to find out where they fit in into the composition of the team," she added.

The runners-up from the previous edition have retained a core group of players from 2017, as many as seven of them, along with some young players, who've brought in a fresh approach in the 50-over format. "Most of them, even the young players who recently got into the side, had the opportunity of playing in (T20) leagues. When you go into big events, you depend on experience, not just young players. Having both together is a good mix," said the 39-year-old, who will be playing in her sixth ODI World Cup.

India will play South Africa on Sunday and West Indies on Tuesday in warm-up ties before taking on Pakistan in their first match of the event on March 6.

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"A Mini Ratna Company" (A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)

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The assets of the following industrial units taken under Section 29 of the SFCs Act, 1951 are available for sale on 'as is where is basis' through e-auction. 1.M/s. K.S.S.B.Chemicals: Industrial land measuring 3825 sq.mts. (0.944 acres) situated at Plot No.351, Sy.No.341 & 344, KIADB Indl.Area, Belur, Dharwad and the partially completed building thereon.

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Terms and Conditions: (1) Assets will be sold on 'as is where is basis'. (2) E-auction opening date and time is 04-04-2022 at 11.00 a.m. and e-auction closing date is 07-04-2022 at 04.00 p.m. (3) Last date and time for receipt of EMD is 06-04-2022 at 4.00 p.m. (4) Property can be inspected on 16/03/2022 between 11.00 a.m. To 4.00 p.m.(5) All the statutory dues such as tax arrears / dues payable to HESCOM / KSSIDC / KIADB / local authorities / Municipal Corporation etc. on the properties should be borne by the buyer. (6) Promoter / guarantor / Collateral Security owner are requested to bring the prospective buyers for better price and to participate in the e-auction. (7) E-auction will be held through website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>. For other terms and conditions of e-auction please refer the said website. (8) For further information mobile No.9449037639 can be contacted.

Date: 24/02/2022 Sd/- Authorised Signatory
Place: Dharwad Assistant General Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate, upon an behalf of my client **PRABHU P. S/o. Late Philip**, aged about 34 years, R/o No. 63, D.J. Hall, Main Road, Huda School & Block, Doodnagar, Nagar, Andhra Pradesh, Bangalore-560045, others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of deceased by name **HEMANTHA W/o. Late PHILIP** as she was died on 19-03-2022 at No. 2, E-Block, C.J. Hall, Andhra College, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560045. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the court as below on or before 04/03/2022 at C.M.C. No. 163/2022.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/-
SHEKHAR, COURT OF THE
3RD A.C.M.B BENGALURU
Smt. PAVITHRA R. ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Our Client **Sree Subramanyeshwara Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Subramanyanagar Branch, Bangalore**, is considering the mortgage loan proposal, submitted by **Sri. K. Shankar S/o. Sri. R. Kannan**, the owner of the immovable property, being the residential premises bearing present Municipal No. 33/1, PID No. 61-17-33/1, situated at **Kempanna Lane, Doddamavalli, Bangalore, BBMP Ward No. 61, New Ward No. 143 (Vishveshwaram)**, measuring East to West 20 ft., North to South 38 ft. and totally measuring about 760 sq.ft.

2. Claims, if any, in relation to the above property or objections, if any, to the proposed loan transaction, may be lodged with the undersigned, within 7 days from hereof, failing which, our client, will proceed to consider the loan proposal, in accordance with their prevailing norms.

J. RANGA RAJAN, J.R. ASSOCIATES, Advocates
No. 1/5, Jinka Plaza, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009.
Date :23.02.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public in general that our clients **Sri. K. Harshavardhan Reddy and Sri. K. Sreenivasulu Reddy** residing at No. 229, 1st Main Road, AMS Layout, near Bus Stop, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560097 are intending to purchase the immovable property comprising of a residential site, demarcated as Site No. 1277 with an RCC house of about 2500 sqr-feet, in the layout plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority in the land survey Nos. 1 portion, 2, 4, 21 to 25 situated in Narasipura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District, presently coming under the jurisdiction of Bruhuth Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and the site measuring East and West: 89'-0" (24.38 Mtrs) North and South: 50'-0" (15.24 Mtrs), totally 371.56 Sqr. Mtrs and site bounded as: East by: Site No.1276, West by: Site No.1278, North by: 40 feet road, South by: Site No. 1280. We hereby call upon any person(s) having any right, title, interest or any claim of whatsoever nature in the Schedule Property or having any objection to the proposed sale transaction, to send salary till the Plaintiff property terminated and other such reliefs. The Hon'ble court has fixed the date of hearing of the above case on **08.04.2022 at 11.00 am.**

You are hereby called upon to appear on the said date in the above mentioned court in person or by a duly authorized pleader and in default of appearance, the above case will be heard and determined in your absence in accordance with law.

Given under my hand and the seal of this court on this 22nd day of February 2022.

By Order of the Court

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